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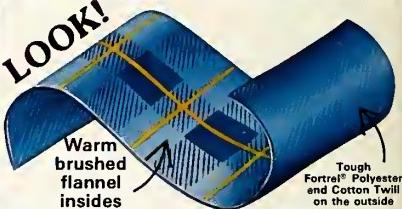
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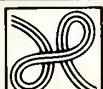
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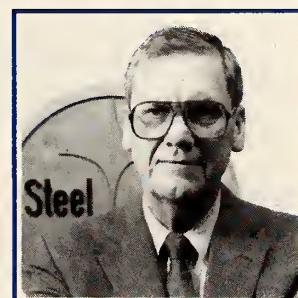
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Unemployment

I was disappointed with Mr. Pizer's analysis of the reasons for "America's Unemployment Problem" (October) and also with the people he quotes, Mr. Glyde and Mr. Kaufman, and their remedy to overcome it.

In my judgment they are shooting way too high when they believe the government policies caused it, or when they look to government policies (fine-tuning interest rates and a "National Industrial Policy") to get us out of the problem.

There are many contributing factors to our unemployment problem, but the main reason, which none of them even mentions, was our high labor costs and poor workmanship.

I am convinced that the root problem for unemployment is lazy, careless, over-

fat management and, on the part of most unions, an adversarial relationship condoning, even stimulating, a bad attitude toward the company that pays the wages and the unions' setting performance and quality standards based on the poorest-performing workers.

Unless the unions and management can work together to produce an hour's work for an hour's wage, with good quality products, no amount of federal money, training programs or industrial policies will do us any good.

Orie Vander Boon
Ada, Mich.

No Victory

In the "Siege of An Loc" (July) I read about ARVN and GI war heroes—truly a "Chronicle of Courage." But, before

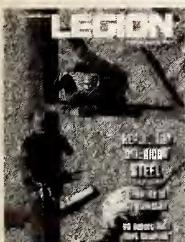
we become too swollen with pride, maybe we need a reminder that the so-called victory was, perhaps, not a victory at all. Consider that a no-win war was protracted three more years at great additional cost, including: billions of U.S. dollars; many more GIs killed or wounded; deepened disdain by America for her Vietnam veterans, and increased world mistrust of our intentions. These costs are a fraction of those borne by the Vietnamese people.

Articles like the "Siege . . ." though well-intentioned, do nothing to promulgate diplomatic relations between the United States and Vietnam. It is time we accept our defeat and that Vietnam is probably better off under communism than the freedom and government we tried to give her. Communism is not for us, but all Papa San wanted was to keep people out of his rice paddy.

It is time we cease glorifying efforts which extended the war. We must look to the future with thoughts of establishing diplomatic relations with Vietnam and resolving the MIA questions.

Roland G. Nelson
Middletown, Md.

Special Status of Veterans



The special status of veterans has roots imbedded deeply in historical precedent.

While the dawn of history and the onslaught of organized warfare went hand in hand, it was not until Greek city-states in the 6th century B.C. imposed compulsory military service on their citizens that the recorded history of veterans began. The history of America's veterans began in 1636 with the creation of veterans benefits.

Those benefits began in Massachusetts with the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony, who were at war with the Indians. According to the Pilgrims, "If any man shall be sent forth as a soldier and shall return maimed, he shall be maintained competently by the colony during his life."

George Washington continued the fight for veterans benefits, getting the Third Congress of the United States to establish in 1794 the Committee on Claims to deal with "all Revolutionary and land claims, and all sorts of pensions."

Over the years, various solutions were adopted to provide for veterans care, including the creation in 1922 of the Veterans Bureau which was combined in 1930 with the Bureau of Pensions and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to form the Veterans Administration.

Historically, the primary mission of the VA health-care system has been to furnish care to service-connected disabled veter-

ans and to veterans unable to pay for needed medical care. In 1970, Congress extended eligibility for VA hospital and nursing home care to veterans 65 and older, regardless of their ability to pay.

The VA system was part of the understanding and commitment this country made when it asked people to serve—that in return for that service, for the disruption of lives and loss of earning power—a grateful nation would have this health-care system available to them.

The recognition of veterans' special contributions—and unique rights and privileges—was in a 1983 Supreme Court judgment read by Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist:

"Veterans have been obliged to drop their own affairs and take up the burdens of a nation, subjecting themselves to the mental and physical hazards as well as the economic and family detriments, which are peculiar to military service and which do not exist in normal civil life. Our country has a longstanding policy of compensating veterans for their past contributions by providing them with numerous advantages. This policy has always been deemed to be legitimate."

Rehnquist emphasized a widespread belief in this country that the costs of war can never be accurately measured; they do not end with the cessation of hostilities; and they must not be written off during times of peace.

Today, in this time of peace, there is a distinct attempt to abrogate those costs of war by writing off veterans to balance the budget. Only you can stop it.

The Editors

Forgotten Spars

In a beautiful article on women in the military titled "The Forgotten Warriors," Dr. Nora Scott Kinzer carefully mentions the various branches of service as Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force, but she neglects to mention the Coast Guard Spars.

The U.S. Coast Guard is under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department during peacetime, having been founded by Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury. However, during wartime it is under the jurisdiction of the Navy Department, but is a separate branch of service.

Shirle Domsky
Chicago, Ill.

Price of Tarawa

In your editorial "Victory in the Pacific" (September), you wrote: "A couple thousand brave-hearted Americans took (Tarawa) in 76 hours." The price we paid to take Tarawa was 1,026 U.S. Marines dead; 2,600 U.S. Marines wounded. I am a 2nd Marine Division veteran.

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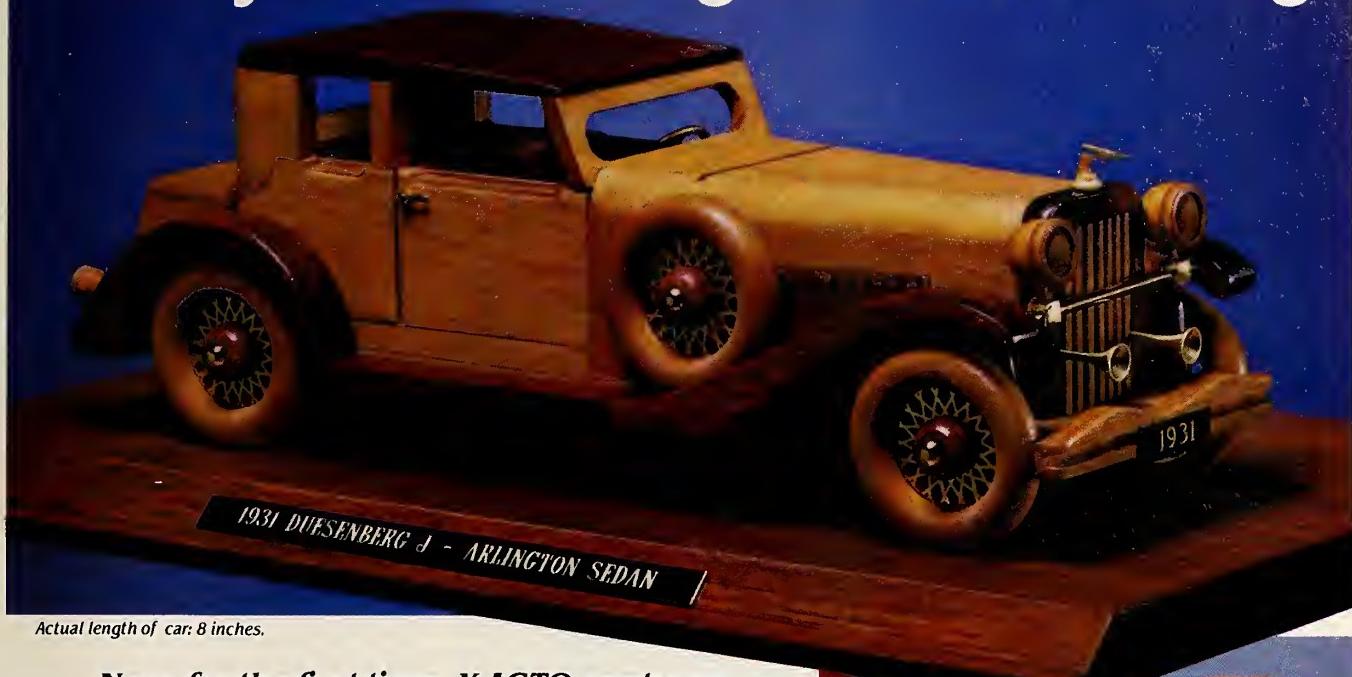
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Budget Threatens Special Status Of Veterans

ONCE again The American Legion and, indeed, all of America's veterans are being challenged by well-intentioned but misguided efforts to further reduce our earned rights and benefits as an ingredient in the long-sought-after formula to balance the federal budget.

With all the rumblings on Capitol Hill about balanced budget bills and various amendments exempting certain segments of society from feeling the pinch of fiscal restraint, I believe we of The American Legion are in the early stages of a battle that may prove to be among the most crucial we have ever faced; a battle that may equal those our founders fought to establish the Veterans Administration, to beat back the Economy Act of 1933, and to champion the GI Bill of Rights in 1944.

Those were no small undertakings. They were bare-knuckle efforts to establish and preserve the bitterly earned benefits of two generations of American veterans—and they were successful. That, I believe, is the one point which sets The American Legion apart: its success once the battle lines are drawn and the positions staked out. The American Legion does not pick fights, but it does not shrink from battle when what is right and just is threatened.

That's where I believe we stand today, toe-to-toe with those who—deliberately or unintentionally, by accident or by design—are embarked on a course which threatens the very core of honorable service to our country: the earned benefits for America's veterans and the special status conferred on veterans by a grateful nation.

A 1983 opinion handed down by Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist, reaffirms the right of America's veterans through organized efforts to consult and confer with government, to influence the course of public policy and to be heard on the vital issues of the nation, while enjoying the fruits of a



Nat'l. Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud

special status earned in service to the nation.

The American Legion takes the Supreme Court at its word. We are engaged now in a great struggle against forces that do not.

Let's look at a few facts. The Veterans Administration budget actually has declined in terms of real dollars allocated every year for the past 10 years. And yet, the level and quality of service has been maintained—due, in no small part, to the dedicated voluntary service our members provide in hospitals everywhere. Any analysis of the spending trend for the VA, compared with all other agencies of government, shows that if they had operated with the same austerity and level of efficiency, there would be no budget deficit.

We have done our part. We have absorbed funding stagnation and made the system perform, while the system of unearned benefits to all other segments of society has grown.

We do not oppose fiscal restraint. We encourage it. We do not ask to be exempt. We do ask, however, that the belt-tightening be across-the-board, evenly imposed and equally shared by

all Americans. After all, we as veterans have demonstrated in no uncertain terms our willingness to sacrifice for our country, but we are not willing to sacrifice our comrades—our oldest, sickest, poorest comrades—in the name of a balanced budget.

Let Congress make the hard choices and we will go with them, but we will not be their easy target.

Despite what the uninformed or the ill-intentioned in our society may think, we of The American Legion have a rich history of service and dedication to what is right and best for America. We fought for that distinction in battles here and abroad; in battles over territory and in battles over funding. We are not about to give up now.

In other pages of this magazine and in subsequent issues there will be informative articles that closely examine the VA, the legislative budget process and how veterans health care relates to overall public health policy.

I urge you to become informed and aware of the effect of balanced budget amendments and legislation. As never before, the federal budget process poses a deadly threat to what The American Legion has worked so hard to preserve, and which so many of us fought so hard to protect.

You, as the men and women of The American Legion, have a vital role to play. As your national leadership signals the shift in our emphasis to this important battlefield, the communication lines will begin to hum, the activity in Washington will intensify, and you will be called upon to participate.

You must respond when your influence is required, when your voice needs to be raised, and when your support is called for. When our numbers are counted and our influence is measured, it will be your advances in sustained membership growth and active involvement in this great issue that can make the difference between success and failure.

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The main terrorist organizations in the United States have been driven underground, but are still actively plotting violence and remain a threat to the nation, maintains Sen. Jeremiah Denton of Alabama.

Denton, chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism, said there are about 20 of these groups suspected of domestic terroristic acts, with others working covertly in the United States on behalf of international terrorist organizations.

Although the principal gangs operating within the country have been broken up by law enforcement agencies, the remnants of three of the most violent of the groups—Weathermen, Black Liberation Army and Armed Forces of National Liberation—have linked up to form a network. The three groups have been credited by some with the bombing of the U.S. Capitol Building in November 1983.

FBI Director William H. Webster has testified before Denton's subcommittee that Americans must not think the nation is being overrun with people who support the overthrow of the United States government. Denton added, however, that Congress should be made aware of the potential threat so as to improve the country's anti-terrorist intelligence system.

Look for Robot Label

While they may not be able to take on all the characteristics of human beings, robots are beginning to find a niche in today's workplace, reports the U.S. Census Bureau, which has started counting the mechanical laborers' production.

The agency report disclosed that 75 companies shipped 5,535 complete robots to factories last year. The "workers" were valued at \$306 million. Along with the shipment of the machines came accessories, subassemblies, components and parts totaling another \$51 million.

The automobile industry is the primary user of the mechanical employees, the study said. Most are used for welding, soldering, cutting or brazing. The shipments came to 1,454, or 27 percent of overall orders. Many robots also were used to spray paint, to glue or to seal.

Meanwhile, inventive enterprisers are now at their drawing boards to develop robots that can see, hear and talk back . . . but only when asked a question pertaining to their function.

Moscow to Mars?

American astronauts took the first step for mankind on the moon, but will the Russians beat us to Mars? It could happen, in the opinion of some Pentagon space watchers.

There has been speculation in Washington that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration might launch an expedition to Mars in 1992, marking the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus. But up to now, it's been only speculation.

The Soviets, on the other hand, seem to be giving signals that they will take a shot at Mars in 1992, which would coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

According to the Pentagon's 1985 report on Soviet Military

Power, Moscow has openly discussed plans for ambitious planetary exploration, and is considering a manned expedition to that nearby planet. Conditions for a launch to Mars in 1992 are believed to be favorable.

"Such an expedition would add great prestige to the Soviet Union and would further demonstrate the capability of its space program," the report said.

Indoor Air Needs Attention

While a bloc of House members keeps pressing for action by the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up the air we breathe outdoors, a Senate group is demanding that the EPA turn its attention to the perils of indoor air.

Some senators insist that indoor pollutants pose an even greater threat to our health than the noxious atmosphere outdoors, since we spend more time inside than out. EPA studies have indicated there may be some basis for this contention. One study of 40 residences by the Consumer Products Safety Commission found as many as 150 potentially noxious chemicals emanating from insulation, paints and other materials.

Senators who are concerned over cancer-causing radon exposure in some homes want legislation similar to the Clean Air Act enacted 15 years ago that controls factories and other industries polluting the air outdoors.

The House protagonists for stronger measures to clean up the air outside are motivated by the catastrophe last year in Bhopal, India, where about 2,000 people were killed after a chemical plant accidentally released lethal fumes into the atmosphere.

Fewer Strikes in 1984

Fewer workers went on strike in 1984 than at any other time since World War II, according to a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Only 62 work stoppages occurred last year involving some 376,000 employees, compared with a previous low of 81 strikes in 1982, when 909,000 workers remained idle.

In 1947, when the Department of Labor began this particular series of studies, some 270 strikes took place. The all-time high was in 1952, with 470 walkouts.

In terms of the number of work days lost in 1984, the largest was by 52,000 employees of hospitals and nursing homes in the New York City area. The strike lasted 46 days and resulted in over 1 million days of idleness.

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Should We Impose Steel Import Quotas?

Rep. Austin J. Murphy, D-Pa.

Import quotas are essential for the survival of America's steel industry. In 1980, imported steel accounted for 16.3 percent of the U.S. steel market. By September of 1985, the imported share had risen to 30.7 percent of the U.S. steel market. This is a nearly 100 percent increase in market share in little more than five years. It should come as no surprise that during this same five-year period the steel industry lost over 153,000 jobs.

YES

Import quotas are not designed to give U.S. steel producers an unfair advantage. Modest import quotas are, at best, an equalizer to be used by domestic steel producers to better compete against overseas producers who resort to tactics that unfairly enhance their market position.

Government subsidies, subversion of voluntary quotas through the use of non-producing countries and the disastrous dumping of foreign steel products only compounds the plight of domestic steel and shows the need for import quotas.

Voluntary quotas set by the current administration are clearly not being met. Its stated goal of 20.2 percent imported steel use is a far cry from the 30.7 percent import figure for September 1985.

Our sudden and effective entry into World War II was possible, not because we had the luxury of time or the benefit of genius to develop new industries and processes, but because we already had, in place, the mines, mills and manufacturing that permitted our rapid mobilization.

We are not as ready as we were 45 years ago. We have surrendered many of our advantages in milling and manufacturing. We have sent many industries irrevocably overseas in search of cheaper labor or higher profits. We must remember that a strong independent America is one that is capable of re-supplying its military.

Import quotas are not the sole solution to the current plight of the U.S. steel industry. They are, however, a necessary step in the long process that we must undertake to provide for a strong national defense while rebuilding and restoring our pre-eminence as a world steel producer. □

Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif.**NO**

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that there are serious problems in the steel industry. Yet, the U.S. government is not in the business of guaranteeing that a company will make a profit in the market place. Just as we do not provide special protections for domestic retailers, or computer makers, or airplane manufacturers, or even domestic steel producers when they compete against each other, we should not provide protective quotas for U.S. steel makers when they face fair and legal foreign competition.

The fact is that the steel industry is suffering from a changing marketplace and the results of its own corporate policies. The marketplace has changed as industries consume less steel. For example, in order to improve the fuel efficiency of automobiles, auto makers are using less steel and more plastic in their products. As for corporate policies, when the steel industry begged for and received billions of dollars in tax breaks in the 1970s, it used this windfall not to modernize, but to buy oil companies.

Steel quotas will cause an overall reduction in employment nationwide, and, according to a study prepared by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, will not even provide long-term help for the steel industry. For example, consider the production of a basic item such as shopping carts. To make shopping carts you need a steel product called wire rod. However, with the so-called "voluntary restraints" on steel imports that are now in place, the price of wire rod has gone up. As a result, U.S. companies that make shopping carts can no longer afford to compete with foreign cart producers because the domestic cost of their raw materials has been artificially inflated. What we end up with is shopping carts imported from Taiwan and people laid off by U.S. shopping cart makers. There would be no increased employment at U.S. Steel because Taiwanese manufacturers buy Taiwanese steel. This same type of injurious ripple effect is felt by the automobile, machinery and construction industries, as well as others.

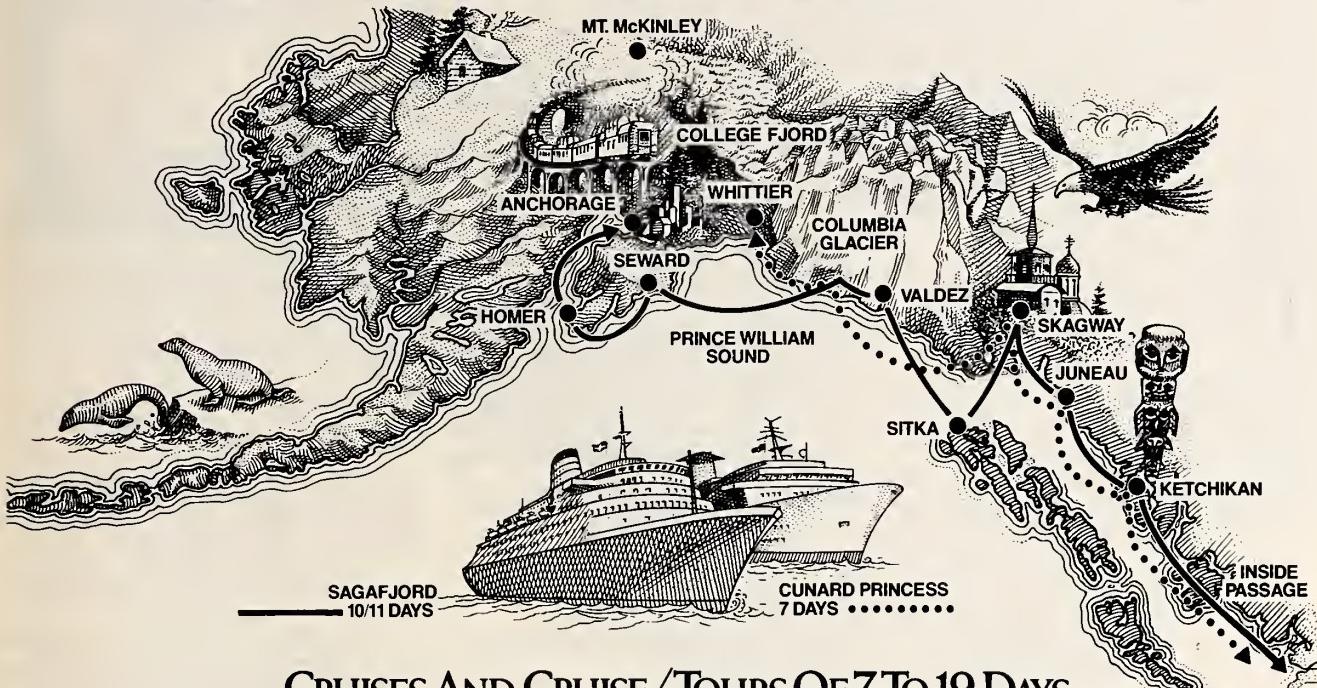
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Foreign Aid: Is It Worth the Price?

By M. Peter McPherson

AMERICANS are a compassionate people. There is a strong American tradition of helping others less fortunate. We do not want to stand by while people die of hunger and want when we have the resources and technical knowledge to help them. Last fiscal year, from October 1984 through September 1985, the United States provided more than 3 million tons of food worth \$1.2 billion to famine-stricken Africa. This relief effort, possibly the largest in history, has saved thousands, perhaps millions, of lives. Americans can be proud of this achievement.

But, we are not just sending relief assistance to alleviate famine with no thought of the future. U.S. development assistance activities in Africa are carefully designed to help prevent such widespread starvation from recurring. We recognize we can do little to cure the natural cause of the famine—the drought. Historically, subsaharan Africa has been an area of sparse rainfall. However, the famine was not caused by poor rainfall alone. Unfair, inefficient, government-imposed agricultural pricing policies and outmoded farming practices are responsible as well. These are the causes that can be prevented.

Hence, through a dialogue of policy reforms, the United States is encouraging the governments of the subsaharan nations to implement policies that will support and encourage increases in farm production. In addition, we and the other donors must be careful to consider the delicate balance between sending enough donated food to prevent starvation without sending too much. In sending too much, we risk flooding African food markets, destroying an already crippled farm economy and creating

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dependency on the United States.

The developing countries of the world are customers for 40 percent of our exports. That's more than all of Western Europe, and four times as much as Japan. The markets of the Third World are responsible for more than half the increase in U.S. exports since 1975. The importance of these markets to American workers is vital. An estimated 70,000 U.S. jobs are gained or lost for every \$1 billion increase or decline in exports.

U.S. farmers are directly affected by

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our level of exports to the Third World. One out of every five acres of American farmland produces food for export. Much of this food is sold or given as grants under the Food for Peace program as part of our overall development assistance programs. These programs are carefully designed to enhance development. In the case of Taiwan, per capita income rose from \$100 in 1950 to \$2,200 in 1980. Today, Taiwan is a major buyer of American grain at full market prices and our seventh largest trading partner. American farmers have clearly benefited from the dollars spent for Taiwan's development.

On the other side of the trade coin, the United States relies on the developing world to supply 40 percent of the raw materials imported for factory production and consumer goods. The Third World supplies more than half of the bauxite, tin, cobalt and 11 other strategic metals and minerals, and all of the rubber, coffee, cocoa and hard fibers that Americans consume.

Our trade with the Third World is the most tangible benefit of our foreign aid, but perhaps more important is how it

helps preserve our national security. History indicates that economic prosperity and world peace are closely related. Since 1950, the majority of threats to world peace and the chief opportunities of Soviet expansion have occurred in the Third World.

Additionally, preserving and increasing our friendships through economic assistance further protects our national security. Some of the least secure Third World countries are sources of critical raw materials. For example, Zaire is our major supplier of cobalt, which is a critical component used in the production of jet engines. Without the cooperation and friendship of Zaire, we would have difficulty in obtaining much of the raw material used by the U.S. defense industry to build the jet fighters that ensure our protection.

Our security also rests to a considerable degree on the strategic locations of several aid-recipient nations. U.S. military bases in countries such as the Philippines and Korea allow for a global defense of U.S. national security interests.

At this juncture, it is fitting to ask whether the benefits of foreign aid are worth the price? Before answering, it is important to put U.S. foreign aid in perspective. In 1984, the United States' total foreign assistance budget, including development assistance, Food for Peace, economic support funds to countries such as Israel and Egypt, refugee assistance, our share to the multinational development banks and the Peace Corps, was \$12 billion. That was less than one percent of the total federal budget, or less than one penny of a tax dollar. If U.S. military assistance is added to that, the total was still only about 1½ percent of the total federal budget. By comparison, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services budget in 1984 was over \$292 billion, or 34 percent of the total federal budget. Additionally, one should also note that 70 percent of the \$12 billion foreign assistance budget was spent right here in the United States on American goods and services. With this in mind, one must conclude that our foreign aid program is worth the price. □

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CAN THE U.S. SURVIVE WITHOUT STEEL?



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The decline of the U.S. steel industry presents a serious threat to our national security, says Robert B. Peabody, president of the American Iron & Steel Institute. In this interview he tells what must be done to rebuild the industry.

American Legion Magazine: Mr. Peabody, if the United States had to face another prolonged war emergency, as in Korea or Vietnam, would our steel industry be able to meet the military demands for defense production?

Mr. Peabody: Yes . . . with a qualifier for the future. In this industry today we can produce around 100 million tons of steel annually, though we're producing only 70-plus million tons now. Over the past few years the size of the industry has been shrinking. Unless something is done about the trade problems of industry and of the country, the steel industry will continue to shrink. As it shrinks, we become more dependent on offshore producers, we become more dependent upon a pipeline that really isn't a pipeline: it's ships, and ships and foreign producers are vulnerable to wartime conditions. What the situation will be like a year to five years from now is a real concern to the industry, because a wartime shortage of steel affects more than guns and tanks; the entire national economy would be put at peril.

Q. How serious is the import problem?

A. Out of the whole pie of steel that's being consumed in this country, 25 percent to 26 percent is coming from offshore. That leaves 74 to 75 percent being produced here. You don't have to be a mathematical genius to see that a reduction in imports would increase the operating rate of domestic companies. Increasing the operating rate would produce more cash flow, which would enable companies to modernize their plant and equipment and better enable the industry to provide the economy with the steels that are needed domestically.



SUSIE KLEMENS

Robert B. Peabody, general counsel, treasurer and corporate executive in the steel industry for more than 20 years, became president of the American Iron & Steel Institute in 1979.



ROBOTS—Steel is needed to build cars and the machines that make them.

COMPUTERS—U.S. steel producers have the technology, but not enough of it.

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Q. What level of imports would you consider fair?

A. I'm in the business of making and distributing steel from United States producers, so my interest would be in a target of zero. Perhaps the more appropriate answer would be that steel which, under fair market conditions, would be capable of being sold in a free market. That probably would mean, in today's climate, 10 percent to 15 percent of market penetration by offshore producers.

Q. How did the government arrive at an import allowance target of 18.5 percent?

We supported a quota bill in 1984 of 15 percent. That was about the average of imports in the '70s. The move to 18.5 percent was a factor based upon actual recent imports as determined by the administration. It certainly wasn't our figure.

Q. If imports are the steel industry's major problem, what's the answer?

The real problem the industry has is lack of money. Imports are a tangible manifestation of why we have a money problem. We need to recognize that much, if not most, of our import problem is caused by foreign governments intervening in the production and distribution of steel. That means our own government must get into the act on behalf of this industry. A private business cannot be put in the position of trying to compete with foreign governments.

Q. Is there any better way to deal with the import problem than through quotas?

Quotas are probably the only solution, because once you get outside the United States you find that foreign governments own, guide, direct or protect their own industries.

Q. For national security reasons?

Some for that, some for employment or social reasons and some for economic reasons. Whatever the reason, it is there and the free market is not allowed to work. Quotas seem to be the only practical answer.

Q. Are they better than tariffs?

For us, yes, because so much of the steel coming from government institutions offshore would not be affected by tariffs. The offshore producer would simply absorb the cost—that is, his government in one fashion or another would make him whole.

Q. If quotas were to limit imports at the level you would deem fit and reasonable, what would be the results for the U.S. steel industry?

The practical result would be more domestic sales, more earnings, greater ability to continue and accelerate the modernization of plant and equipment, and a greater likelihood of a world-class, fully competitive, technologically up-to-date domestic steel industry.

Q. Where does the U.S. steel industry stand today technologically?

Our industry has all the technology and modern equipment that anybody else has. We just don't have enough of it.

Q. It's not widespread enough?

Yes, you could divide our industry into thirds. Maybe a third of it is world-class, fully cost competitive. Another third would be competitive in this market, because the foreign producer has to bear costs to get into this market. The final third has been shrinking, which has the terrible consequences of unemployment and community distress.

Q. But isn't it true that even the most technologically advanced part of the industry finds it difficult to compete with dumping practices?

Yes. As a U.S. steelmaker you are competing with a foreign treasury. The European Economic Community is a good illustration, so are the Brazilians. When your losses are made up by the government, as is the case there, you are in a different business climate than when your losses are made up by your shareholders.

Q. Doesn't the consumer ultimately pay the bill for the higher prices resulting from quotas and tariffs? How can he be protected?

The consumer pays the bill on everything. If we lived in an ideal world, prices, terms and conditions of business transactions would be determined by the marketplace. The world then would have consumers paying whatever fair price was determined in the market.

What is occurring now is that prices and transactions are affected by dumped and subsidized products. The consumer, not surprisingly, thinks for the moment that he is getting a bargain on the dumped and subsidized price. In reality he is

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VIEW FROM THE FIRING LINE

Two giants of the U.S. steel industry have managed to remain in business so far, but it hasn't been easy. Here's how they are coping with the crisis.

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The U.S. government stands alone among nations in permitting more than 20 percent of the country's steel requirements to be supplied by foreign countries. No other major steel-producing nation imports more steel than it exports. But even in the United States, there comes a time when our government leaders say: "Enough is enough."

IN THE fall of 1984, the current administration established a steel program with the goal of negotiating an 18.5 percent limit on foreign steel penetration and a 1.7 million-ton per year limit on imported semi-finished steel. One year later, the level of steel imports is still 35 percent above the goal. The administration's steel program is designed to provide rationality in a trade jungle that badly needs discipline. But, to be effective, it must cover all significant steel supplying countries and it must be strictly enforced.

As for Bethlehem Steel's outlook for the year ahead, improved results are dependent upon a number of factors, including continued cost reductions and productivity gains, the effectiveness of announced price increases, a reduction in steel imports, and no substantial decline in the demand for our products.

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Fortunately, we have not experienced two of the problems that some large steel companies have faced: stringent EPA requirements and strained relations between the companies and their employees.

The prime reason for our growth through the years is the way we motivate people and the way we run our business. It is so simple that people are often skeptical when we discuss operating style with them. It is not based on formulas or textbooks; rather, it is based on a philosophy we have about people.

We happen to believe that people are the most important asset Worthington has and so we treat them that way. This means every employee is important, whatever his role. We avoid the "us versus them" attitude. Our people have one objective in mind: to make a profit.

How do people know what profit is? We teach them. Why do they care what profit is? We have a lucrative cash profit-sharing plan. Non-union employees may nearly double their base pay with the profit-sharing bonuses they receive every three months. We often are asked if profits are down for a quarter, won't the employees be discouraged? The answer is no. In the recession period of 1982-83, employee morale was excellent. Workers responded well to the challenges created by lower sales volume, even though their profit-sharing checks were down.

Our employees in the plants are on salary. If they're sick, or if they have any legitimate reason to miss work, they're paid. We avoid layoffs. We have operated this way for 21 years. We have many things that you never see in most companies, such as company barbers who give haircuts on company time. We have free coffee for everyone; people can have



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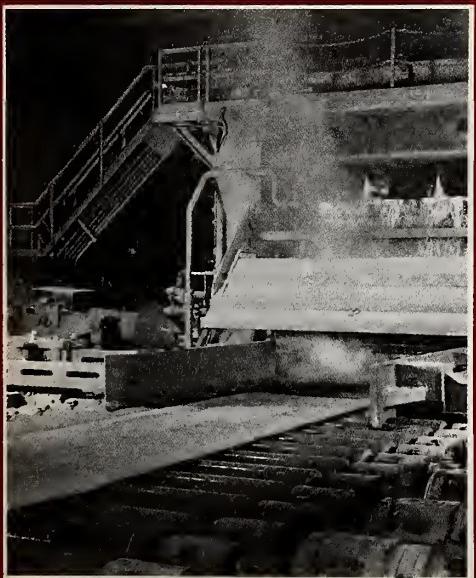
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it any time they choose; but we don't have coffee breaks—we think they are terribly inefficient and disruptive to productivity. In addition to the cash profit-sharing plan, we have a deferred plan for retirement that is approaching \$40 million in assets after just 15 years.

ALL OF these things only happen if we make a profit and our employees know this. Profit-sharing may also serve as a cost-control system in tough economic times. When sales and profits go down, labor costs also go down because the profit-sharing payments are proportionately reduced. That isn't the primary reason to set up a profit-sharing plan; however, it will help a company and its employees when times get tough.

We have developed these programs to help make everyone feel a part of the team. The objective is to focus everyone's attention on productivity, quality and efficiency—areas that can make a company successful.

The people orientation policies, modern facilities with state-of-the-art equipment, and the less onerous EPA requirements faced by a steel processor than by a steel mill have benefited us greatly. We support the domestic steel industry. It is an industry vital to this country. We try to be an excellent customer of these mills and we will continue to do so. The United States can ill afford to be without primary steel-making capacity. Government, management and labor must work together to assure that this does not happen. □



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SPECIALTY STEEL SUCCESS DESPITE THE TREND

Superior technology and favorable trade laws enable the United States to remain on top in the world specialty steel market.

By William J. Gill

THE specialty steel industry in the United States is successfully bucking the trend that has been knocking so many American steel mills out of the ring. This vital segment of domestic steel production is still profitable for two important reasons:

- It remains the world leader in technology and invests heavily in plant modernization and new equipment.
- It faces up realistically to international competition and makes full use of existing U.S. trade laws to fight back against foreign government subsidies, dumping and illegal trade practices.

Specialty steels, which include stainless, electrical and tool steels, plus a wide range of super alloys, are absolutely essential to national defense and, according to a presidential report, are "critical to an industrial economy."

America could not have put a man on the moon or launched space shuttle flights without the metallurgical miracles wrought by our specialty steel industry. Many other key industries depend upon specialty steels, among them communications and computers, oil and gas production, chemical manufacturing, the modern agribusiness, and air, sea and land transportation. The U.S. armed forces also require the metals for their jet planes, naval vessels, armored vehicles and a host of other crucial military hardware.

Research and development is given high priority by American specialty steel

companies, and the industry, with more than \$3.2 billion in annual sales, has reinvested hundreds of millions into new facilities and modernization of existing plants.

"You can't afford to get behind in this industry," said Paul R. Roedel, president of Carpenter Technology Corporation, Reading, Pa. "If you do get behind, you can't afford to catch up."

Roedel, who also is chairman of the Specialty Steel Industry of the United States, placed great emphasis on R&D at all six Car-Tech plants where nearly 400 technical-support people help customers solve metallurgical problems. This same philosophy prevails throughout the highly competitive industry.

William H. Knoell, president of Cyclops Corporation in Pittsburgh, pinpointed specialty steel's biggest problem: "About 60 percent of our competition is owned outright or extensively bankrolled by foreign governments. No American industry, disciplined as we are by the profit incentive, can long survive without vigorous

enforcement of international trade laws and effective restraints against subsidized foreign products."

Fortunately for our armed forces and the high-tech U.S. economy, the last three Presidents decided it is in the national interest to preserve domestic specialty steel production. In 1982, the current administration, recognizing the problem posed by foreign government subsidies, took the unusual step of initiating a trade case on behalf of what it called this "advanced, innovative and competitive industry."

The result was a four-year presidential import-restraint program for specialty steel beginning in mid-1983. No doubt the industry's past record helped account for the administration's departure from its free-trade policy.

While import quotas on specialty steel were in effect from 1976 to 1980, the industry shattered the myth that import restraints spur inflation. Increased domestic competition and "economies of scale" achieved by U.S. specialty steel mills operating at or near capacity proved anti-inflationary during the country's worst peacetime inflation in history.

Two decades ago, John Davenport, editor of *Fortune* magazine, wrote that America's specialty steelmakers are "entrepreneurs who put their bets on quality and take their chances on the leading edge of technology."

Davenport's observation is as true today as it was in the 1960s. Moreover, without these high-tech entrepreneurs and our highly skilled specialty steelworkers, America's complex economy and the national defense would ultimately collapse—or become totally dependent upon unreliable foreign sources.

If there is ever again a global emergency or large-scale war, such dependency could prove fatal to the U.S. and the cause of human freedom. □

METALLURGICAL MIRACLES—Super alloys produced by specialty steel mills are critical to America's space shuttles and military aircraft.



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UNREST IN THE PHILIPPINES

By William H. Sullivan

THE three costly wars that were fought in East Asia from 1940 to 1975 have produced a precarious equilibrium in that part of the world. Although skirmishes still persist, particularly in Indochina, there is no general move to upset the current peace.

For each of the potential protagonists, the present situation, while far from ideal, is preferable to another war that would have unpredictable consequences.

Each of the major powers makes some contribution to this equilibrium by providing some vectors of strength that reinforce the central confrontation between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. As part of this balance, the United States deploys a significant array of political, economic and military forces. Our military forces are stationed in South Korea, Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines, as well as in the sea lanes and beneath the Pacific Ocean. For maximum effectiveness, they depend on a pattern of basing arrangements that have been developed over a lengthy period of time. Two of the key components of this system are located in the Philippines—Clark Field for the Air Force and Subic Bay for the Navy.

The future use of these Philippine bases is now in jeopardy as the Filipino people seem headed for a civil war. If such a war were to develop and make those facilities untenable, it would require a massive, complex and costly restructuring of our Pacific military forces to compensate for their loss and to continue to project our power effectively into the Asian balance. It is not clear whether our country would have the will and the resilience to do this.

Our defense agreement with the Philippines would not be activated by internal rebellion or revolution. But, if an outside power—such as the Soviet Union

The Philippines seem headed for a civil war that could jeopardize U.S. bases and force them to move elsewhere in the Pacific.



TROUBLED TIMES—President Ferdinand E. Marcos has lost the broad public support he once had.

or its Asian acolyte, Vietnam—were to become involved, our President and Congress might feel obligated to send in military forces as well.

Quite aside from these dire considerations, we as a nation must feel a sense of responsibility to our Filipino friends. The Philippines is the only country that was once a colony of the United States and it has long been a faithful ally of ours. There are many close family and other associations between the United States and the Philippines. If we can in any way use our influence to help spare this friendly nation the scourge of a civil war, we have a moral obligation to try.

The deterioration of the political, economic and security situation in the Philippines is the result of a polarization in that society that has resulted from the policies of President Ferdinand E. Marcos. Marcos is a brilliant politician who was democratically elected to office in 1965 and re-elected in 1969. However, in 1972, facing domestic unrest and a constitutional prohibition against running for a third term, he declared martial law and suspended the constitution. At the time he took this action, he

enjoyed broad public support for his efforts to introduce greater order in the country and to lay the basis for an early return to democratic processes.

However, 13 years later, with no definitive steps toward a return to democracy, with the economy teetering on disaster, with his family and cronies accused of wallowing in corruption, and with his government resorting to increasing brutality, Marcos probably has outlasted his mandate. His health is uncertain, and the accusations that his subordinates were involved in the assassination of his political rival, Benigno Aquino, have turned large segments of Filipino society, especially in the middle class and business sectors, bitterly against him. Some young people, afflicted with rampant unemployment, joined the guerrillas and took up arms against the security forces.

Because he is shrewd, because he controls all the levers of authority, and because he retains a strong political base, only Marcos seems capable of undertaking to lead the country away from the brink of chaos and toward an orderly democratic future. However, he does not appear to cherish a place in history as the leader who healed his nation, and has shown no disposition to do anything but hold on to the bitter—and disastrous—end. Many have likened him to the Shah of Iran and have suggested that our policy should be to support him, with all his faults, rather than risk a Filipino Khomeini. That is a stark misreading of the situation. The Philippines is not Iran, which had no experience in democracy. Marcos is not the Shah, who did not know how to manipulate a political crisis. If we want recent examples of the ways in which chaos can be avoided, we should not look to the errors in Iran and Nicaragua, but rather to the successes in Brazil, Argentina, Portugal, Spain and other states that have made a successful transition from authoritarian regimes to democracy.

The current administration seems to comprehend these facts, and has made a number of tentative efforts to press Marcos to do the honorable thing. Thus far, these efforts have not succeeded.

Time is fast running out. □

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ENGLAND was standing alone. She was losing 700,000 tons of shipping a month; invasion was expected. The British were fully informed about Operation Sealion, which was the Third Reich's planned invasion of England's southeastern counties. Winston Churchill warned the British people to "brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their finest hour.'"

As liaison officer for Gen. William J. Donovan's Office of Strategic Services with Sir William Stephenson—the man called "Intrepid"—I had full opportunity to watch the famed British heart of oak stand up under pressure that would have splintered hearts of lesser timber. I was eyewitness to their finest hours and was privileged to see and hear from primary sources examples of the character that enabled these "incredibly brave and incredibly boyish people" to sustain hope and, eventually, triumph during one of history's darkest hours.

Atop New York's Hotel Dorset is a spacious penthouse, in decor not unlike the English country houses—vaulted ceiling, open beams, fireplaces. During the war, however, the atmosphere was anything but peaceful, for it was from those rooms that Sir William, who was British Intelligence Chief of the Western Hemisphere, directed operations.

It was during this time that Great Britain's new battleship, H.M.S. Prince of Wales, was the mightiest man-o-war plowing the seas. A picture of her superstructure flying the White Ensign was the 1941 Christmas card of Prime Minister Churchill. Unfortunately, when Churchill's card arrived, the Prince of Wales and the H.M.S. Repulse, were at the bottom of the South China Sea.

A survivor, one of her four staff captains, Capt. Laird, while on mission to the United States stopped by at the Dorset. Reticent and with deep-seated pain in his eyes, he told me of the death of a great ship and a great admiral.

The ships were steering due north on the bright, clear morning of Dec. 18. Their peppery admiral, Tom Phillips, was on the bridge with his captains when Japanese planes started torpedo runs. Several hit. It was clear the Prince of Wales was going down. Adm. Phillips signaled Repulse to stand by for survi-

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ENGLAND'S FINEST HOURS

Against overwhelming odds and little chance for survival, Churchill told his fighting Britons: "We shall fight on the beaches . . . we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

By Ernest Cuneo

vors; Repulse flashed back that she, too, was sinking. Adm. Phillips then took command of the Prince of Wales. He began preparations to abandon ship, directing the men on the upperdecks—the only ones who had a chance of survival.

ALTERNATELY, over the ship's intercom, he talked to the men hopelessly trapped below, telling them that their admiral was with them. As the last life boats left and the ship started listing, the admiral turned to his staff captains and told them he wished them to go. They remained at attention, indicating they were going down with the ship. Adm. Phillips flew into a rage, "Damn it! You men have been in the Royal Navy long enough to know that an admiral's wish is your command: Go!" They got aboard a life raft and were pulling away when one of them asked about "Pete."

The story of Pete illuminates why the British are called very boyish as well as brave. Pete was the ship's mascot, a mongoose. At the officer's mess, Pete was always given his martini. Unfortunately, Pete couldn't handle his liq-

uer: he wobbled about for a bit, then passed out for hours.

Back went the four captains. One ran along the deck to the wardroom. There, after a frantic search, he found Pete under a cushion, still drunk. Stuffing him into his breast pocket, he reboarded the raft and they pulled away.

Phillips was alone on the bridge. He continued to address the men trapped below, telling them that while many of their comrades had been saved—their admiral was still with them. The Prince of Wales took a bad list, so sharp that the admiral was standing with one foot on the deck and one on the sidewall, still talking to the men below. There was another lurch. The captains could see him bracing himself, still talking to the men below. The big ship started to slip into the lake-calm sea. "We are going men," Adm. Phillips reportedly said. "Your admiral goes with you . . . God save the King!"

Gen. Lord Ismay, Churchill's chief of staff, (the famed, genial "Pug") also made the Dorset a port-of-call. Virtually at Churchill's side throughout the war, he was with the prime minister at some of the most crucial hours in British his-



tory. After the war he spoke of some of them with Sir William and me. One I found unforgettable.

He was with Churchill in the operations room of Fighter Command, the nerve center from which Churchill followed the air Battle of Britain. Flanked by the two air marshals, they faced a huge map of the British Islands. Wrens (Women of the Royal Navy) moved planes on the maps as the battle reports came. Directly in front of them was a grid of colored buttons. Each button represented a squadron: white signaled "ready reserve"; green, "in action"; red, "in action, but running out of fuel." As a squadron came down to refuel, its red light turned white, then green as it went up to re-enter the battle.

It was the day of Goering's heaviest assault. From dawn to dusk, the RAF was in action. Some squadrons actually refueled seven times—dangerous

"SOMEONE must tell them that England has kept her word and will go to them in their hour of need."

because a plane being refueled is extremely vulnerable, an explosive sitting duck. As the day wore on, the Luftwaffe increased the momentum of the attack. More and more white dots turned green as the RAF rose to meet them, and tension rose with them. The agony started when the top lines began turning red. The greens, already heavily engaged, would be hard put to pro-

vide aircover for the refueling planes below. To protect them, the air marshals committed more reserves—from white to green. The green board rapidly became red. There was nothing to do but fight to the last drop of fuel. One lone white light remained. Churchill asked how many planes were left. Seven, was the answer, Great Britain's last squadron. Churchill himself gave the order: "Commit them to battle."

Everything Britain had was airborne. The climax—and balance of battle—had been reached. For a few still minutes they watched. Then Dover reported enemy momentum was slackening. Norfolk confirmed. Again Dover was first: The enemy is withdrawing. Again Norfolk confirmed.

Swiftly the order was given to land, refuel and resume battle. Swiftly the top red light turned to white, then green. Rapidly the board changed from red to white to green: the RAF, refueled, was airborne and battle-ready again. The battle was won.

HERE, Gen. Ismay added a footnote to history. As they left in the dusk, Churchill sank into the back seat of the car. The tension relieved, Churchill was crying. Then he leaned forward and first uttered that famous sentence: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." Gen. Ismay told me there was an added Churchill touch, "And damn it, if His Majesty's Prime Minister sees fit to weep . . . if he sees fit . . . so can one of his generals."

On yet another critical occasion, Ismay said Mrs. Churchill was the decisive personality. France had fallen and its government had fled south. Churchill and his staff were at Chequers for the weekend and a tempest was raging. The storm in Churchill's breast almost matched the one outside. Pacing the room he snorted again and again, "I must go to the French. Someone must go to them in their hour of need. Someone must tell them that England has kept her word and will go to them in their hour of need!"

Again and again the air marshals told him the skies were too turbulent for flight over the English Channel. Their statements, far from quieting Churchill, only added anger to his frustration as his rage mounted. Finally Mrs. Churchill, who certainly knew her Winston, asked, "Is there nothing at all flying today?"

"Nothing," the air marshal answered, "but two operational patrol bombers."

"Oh," answered Mrs. Churchill happily, "the Prime Minister is also operational—and he, too, will fly."

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MORE THAN ONE MILLION DEAD

GENOCIDE CONTINUES IN AFGHANISTAN

By Oliver Starr Jr.

THERE is incontrovertible evidence that Soviet troops are carrying out genocide in Afghanistan—the systematic, planned annihilation of the people of that country. And the free world is letting them get away with it.

Here are the ghastly totals to date on the Soviet slaughter in Afghanistan, a nation of 14 million people at the time it was invaded in 1979:

- More than 1 million resistance fighters and civilians killed.
- Thousands of children maimed by booby-trapped toys, watches and pens.
- 4.5 million Afghans driven out of their country (most of them to Pakistan).
- 500,000 on the brink of starvation caused by a Soviet campaign to destroy food supplies and produce famine.
- An infant mortality rate of 85 percent due to malnutrition.

Which means that this Soviet campaign of death in Afghanistan now has either killed or driven into exile more than 40 percent of that country's population.

But the story of the free-world abandonment of the people of Afghanistan is far more than numbers. It is the craven acquiescence to the indescribably brutal killing of whole villages of innocent men, women and children by bayoneting, bombing, disemboweling, beheading, burning, shooting, gassing, suffocating, running over with tanks and other fiendish means.

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THE SOVIETS' "SCORCHED EARTH" OPERATIONS INCLUDE A BRUTAL WAR ON CHILDREN.



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COMMITTEE FOR A FREE AFGHANISTAN/J. WHEELER

SOVIETS' WAR ON CHILDREN—An Afghan boy (top) endures painful burns after he was doused in kerosene and set afire by Soviet soldiers when his parents refused to reveal the location of the mujahedeen. Another Afghan boy (left) faces life without hands after picking up a Soviet-made bomb disguised as a toy.

Incredibly, the American press, which covered every hour of the long Vietnam war, is turning its back on the Soviet decimation of the Afghan people.

Edward Girardet, special correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor*, reporting in *The New Republic* (March 4, 1985), said not a single American newspaper or wire service had a full-time correspondent reporting from Afghanistan even though the war was continuing to escalate.

Girardet is among those who have seen the Soviet massacres first-hand. In August of last year, he observed the horrors inflicted on the people in the Chamar Pass by a massive Soviet-Afghan force of more than 20,000. The landscape was littered with mutilated animal carcasses, twisted metal pots, scorched clothing, torn saddles and a boy's tattered slingshot. An uncounted number of dead were buried in a bomb crater covered with a tarpaulin. The battered survivors struggled toward Pakistan.

"The Chamar Pass massacre shows just what kind of war the Kremlin is waging in Afghanistan. By slaughtering innocent human beings, bombing farms, despoiling crops, killing animals and wrecking fragile irrigation systems, the USSR seeks not only to punish the local population for its resistance sympathies, but also to totally disrupt the economic and social infrastructure of the guerrilla-held areas, which represent well over 80 percent of the country," wrote Girardet.

Another first-hand report comes from Rob Schultheis, who interviewed sur-

vivors of an atrocity campaign by Russian troops in the Laghman Valley in eastern Afghanistan last April.

Summarizing Schultheis' report in *National Review*, Rosanne T. Klass, director of the Afghanistan Information Center of Freedom House in New York, wrote that "In a single district, nearly 800 people were slaughtered—from pregnant women and newborns to the aged; they were shot, burned alive, hanged, bayoneted, tortured to death, killed with grenades, decapitated, beaten to death and mutilated."

Schultheis' tape was broadcast on National Public Radio in June but, like so many other reports of Soviet massacres in Afghanistan, "it went unnoticed in the press."

The calculated, mathematical nature of these killing sprees is indicated in a wire service story from Afghanistan datelined New Delhi, India (May 15, 1985, *Globe-Democrat News Services*):

"Soviet troops have massacred about 1,000 civilians in an eastern province of Afghanistan as punishment for their support of Afghan rebels, Western diplomatic sources said here today." Twelve villages were hit. "Nearly 100 people were killed in each village . . ." Note the arithmetical symmetry.

ONE of the more shocking reports to be widely ignored was by Michael Barry in "Le Grand Jeu Afghan" (*Politique Internationale*, Spring, 1985). Barry reported "that between April 27, 1978 (the date of the pro-Soviet coup d'état), and January 1980, 27,000 people were executed in the Poli Charki concentration camp, situated six miles east of Kabul." A major portion of the educated elite of Afghanistan—doctors, diplomats, professors, engineers, church leaders and non-communist leaders—perished in this carnage.

We must now face the fact that all of the agencies that could have, or should have, come to the aid of the beleaguered Afghans have failed.

The United Nations will do nothing more than pass meaningless resolutions.

Western leaders appear willing to sacrifice the people of Afghanistan to avoid offending the Soviets, in hopes that this abandonment will improve the chances for an arms agreement. There is no Winston Churchill to arouse the conscience of the isolationist West.

The press, which could rally world support for the Afghans against the Soviet executioners, has gone to sleep.

We must recognize that appeasing the Soviets is even more dangerous than it was to appease Hitler. Hitler never got

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PRIMITIVE MEDEVAC—A wounded Afghan freedom fighter is lashed to a camel's back for a five-day trip to obtain medical care.



ANCIENT WEAPONS OF WAR—Although outnumbered and equipped with antiquated weapons, Afghan guerrillas have waged a 7-year war against the Soviets.



VICTORY'S REWARD—A captured Soviet T-54 tank offers a few proud moments for Afghan rebels who stubbornly fight on with little outside help from the West.



CONTROL OF THE SEAS IS VITAL DURING WARTIME, BUT CAN OUR U.S. MERCHANT FLEET STILL MEET ITS COMMITMENTS?



OUR AILING MARITIME INDUSTRY

By L. Edgar Prina

NAVAL experts from Mahan to Gorshkov have agreed unanimously that a nation's sea power is made up not of warships alone, but also of its blue-water commercial fleet and shipbuilding assets.

The current administration has done an outstanding job of strengthening the combat potential and readiness of the U.S. Navy in the last four years. It has done little, however, to halt the increasing deterioration of the maritime industry. The 1980 campaign

promises to revitalize the merchant marine, which President Eisenhower called "our fourth arm of defense," remain unfulfilled.

America's maritime industry has been ailing for a number of years. It is sicker today than it was yesterday and it will be sicker tomorrow than it is today.

The Pentagon is deeply concerned that in the event of war it will not have sufficient shipping available to support and sustain U.S. ground and air forces overseas, to say nothing of simultaneously meeting the needs of the economy at home.

The dramatic decline of the U.S. maritime industrial base is told in these stark statistics:

- In 1950, the U.S. ranked first in the world in numbers of ships and in carrying capacity or deadweight tonnage (dwt). Today, it stands 10th in ships and eighth in dwt.

The Soviet Union, which was virtually off the charts in 1950, ranked 26th in ships in 1960 and is now number two. It ranks seventh in carrying capacity.

- As of Aug. 15, 1985, only eight U.S.-flag commercial vessels were under construction or on order in American yards.

- U.S.-flag ships carried only 5.8 percent of the total tonnage of our foreign trade—the world's largest—in 1983. It carried 21 percent in 1950.

That's not all the bad news. Thirty private U.S. shipyards have gone out of business in the past eight years. Currently, 24 major and 85 smaller yards remain in operation.

With the global glut of commercial ships not expected to ease before 1992, and non-subsidized U.S. yards unable to compete with the lower labor costs enjoyed by foreign builders, some experts believe that as many as seven

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A SHRINKING FLEET—American ports such as Seattle always seem busy, but the ships are mostly foreign.

ters, as well as for shipyard workers.

There also is the Kremlin factor. The Soviet Union began expanding its merchant marine by cutting rates far below the profit line. It was thus able to penetrate and then dominate a number of trade routes. This had led to shrinking Western merchant fleets, bankruptcies and disinvestment in the shipping industry.

Extremely close coordination exists between the Soviet merchant marine and the Soviet navy. Acting as a naval auxiliary, the merchant marine exercises regularly with the fleet. Naval officers command and staff the merchantmen, most of which are readily adaptable for military use.

The Soviet Union, in short, knows the importance of a large and versatile merchant marine. It has learned well the lessons of Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, even if the United States appears to have forgotten them.

The decline of the U.S. merchant marine has had a grave impact upon our capability for reinforcing and supporting American military units overseas. Many officials have been reluctant to concede this. The true situation is masked by optimistic calculations of potential losses to enemy attack or to the number of bottoms that would be available from allies and the fleet of American-owned ships that sail under Liberian, Honduran, Panamanian and other flags.

Admiral James D. Watkins, Chief of Naval Operations, was one who did speak out. In a little-noticed speech last April, he said:

"Can we allow this vital arm of sea power (merchant marine) to atrophy by

other major and 35 smaller yards could be forced to shut down by 1990.

Ship operators have done somewhat better than the builders. Construction differential subsidies (CDS) were halted by the administration in 1981, but operating differential subsidies (ODS) are still being paid. The subsidies were designed to help operators and builders meet foreign competition.

With a few exceptions, however, things have not been rosy for the operators either. Of 19 American liner companies in business in 1965, only seven remain and one of them has filed for bankruptcy.

The number of U.S.-flag ships in the active, privately owned ocean-going commercial fleet today totals 383. It could easily drop to 300 or fewer by 1990, if no remedial action is taken by the government.

Several major factors have caused this erosion of the U.S. maritime industry.

More and more countries have adopted cargo preference programs to aid their commercial fleets, something the United States has declined to do because it would violate the principle of free trade.

U.S. competitiveness was limited by the high salary structure labor unions negotiated for seamen, mates and mas-

SHAKY TIMES—Unable to compete with the cheap labor of foreign shipbuilders, U.S. shipyards face an uncertain future.

default any further? I say, no. If we do, our nation could easily be crippled by determined foes and they know it."

Pointing out that the British barely prevailed in the Falklands War with a merchant fleet twice as large as ours, the admiral said:

"Today, our sealift studies show that it would essentially take every single U.S.-flag merchant ship and most of those of our allies just to support our forward deployed forces in a large-scale conflict. And that doesn't even include any additional ships for attrition."

Losses very likely would be staggering, particularly in the early weeks, given the large and powerful fleet of Soviet nuclear submarines armed with missiles and torpedoes.

T HAS been widely assumed that great numbers of allied merchant ships would be made available to the

United States in the event of a NATO war. But allied commercial fleets have been shrinking for years and the end is not in sight. The British merchant navy numbered 1,592 ships in 1975. It is now down to 685. Norway, France and Italy have 600 fewer ships today than they had 10 years ago.

Despite the atmosphere of gloom and doom that pervades much of the maritime industry today, the situation is not hopeless. If the American people and their representatives in Congress could be alerted, a number of reasonable, logical and legal actions could be taken to protect and preserve the maritime base.

First, the President could order the strict enforcement of the cargo preference laws already on the books. A new report by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment quoted liner operators who said that the requirement for 50 percent of U.S. government

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THE QUEEN CITY

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RIVER CRUISES—Steamboat rides on the famous Delta Queen transport sightseers to a bygone romantic era.

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CINCINNATI CONVENTION BUREAU



NIGHT LIFE—The night lights of Cincinnati



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FOUNTAIN SQUARE—Adorning the square is the Munich-made Tyler-Davidson Fountain, an appropriate reminder of Cincinnati's early German settlers.

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HE'S the Queen City on the Ohio River. A vibrant, sparkling cosmopolitan city enchanted visitors call the most attractive and surprising garden spot in the country. A bustling oasis of waters, hills, music, food and flowers that captivates young and old by the invisible heartstrings of its radiant splendor and beckons all to fall in love with Ohio's regal queen—Cincinnati.

Nestled among rolling green hills in the southwest corner of this Buckeye state, Cincinnati is a colorful city of shotgun houses stacked side by side with imposing stone and brick mansions surrounded by spacious gardens.

Few cities are more ideally located for a large percentage of Legion members who will be attending the 68th National Convention there, Aug. 29 to Sept. 4th. More than one million Legionnaires and their families from nine states are within easy driving range of Cincinnati along Interstate highways 71, 74 and 75, each of which offers dozens of interesting, enjoyable sights for vacationers to see while driving to Cincinnati.

Filled with the promise of a fun-packed menu of entertainment and culture at affordable prices, Cincinnati offers Legionnaires and their families a per-



CITYLINE beckon visitors to its plethora of friendly clubs, restaurants and sports events.



TIME TO RELAX—Horse and buggy rides offer a leisurely way to sightsee.

fect late-summer vacation site once described by Sir Winston Churchill as "the most beautiful inland city in America."

Contributing to that beauty and to a reputation as the fastest growing showplace in the Midwest, are friendly people mingling contentedly among new hotels and restaurants, cinemas, shops, department stores and businesses, all linked by a unique second-level covered sidewalk called the Skywalk, that lets shoppers and visitors explore downtown Cincinnati peacefully free of noise, traffic and pollution.

The city's colorful Germanic heritage shows proudly in its abundance of supe-

rior-quality musical performances by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra—one of the best in the nation, and by the city's professional opera—the second oldest in the country. These events are held in acoustically superb Music Hall, a magnificent century-old structure, beautifully renovated and decorated. Recitals and concerts also are conducted virtually every night at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music.

Besides music, theater in Cincinnati is among the best in the country. Five equity houses stage Broadway and regional productions, and there's even an old-fashioned melodrama presented on the nation's only remaining showboat, anchored on the shore of the Ohio River downtown.

For Legionnaires who enjoy "high seas" adventure, Cincinnati is home port of the Delta Queen paddlewheeler. Smaller steam-powered paddlewheelers tour along the city's shoreline for sightseeing and luncheons, dinner-and-dance or moonlight cruises and feature every kind of music from rock to country.

Further inland, the Cincinnati Art Museum's 118 galleries house a collection representing 5,000 years of civilization; the Museum of Natural History offers a planetarium and startlingly life-like cavern indistinguishable from the real thing; Krohn Conservatory, the



RIVERFRONT STADIUM—The Bengals and the Reds both call Cincinnati home.

largest greenhouse in the nation, provides 1,500 specimens of tropical plants and seasonal floral displays; and the Cincinnati Historical Society contains vast collections of original documents, books, artifacts and genealogical data from the Midwest and from the original 13 colonies.

If athletics are more to visitors' liking, the sports-minded city hosts, among others, thoroughbred horse racing at River Downs and Latonia, golf, tennis and racquetball in a wide number of facilities (15 indoor racquet clubs alone), hiking, sailing, canoeing, boating and camping.

Riverfront Stadium, the second dominant shore landmark, is home to the Reds and Bengals. On Sept. 1, the stadium spotlight will feature Pete Rose and his Reds as they perform for Legionnaires during a special American Legion Night.

Cincinnati also has plenty to offer younger visitors, including the Cincinnati Zoo, which has 700 animal varieties including many rare species.

North of the city is the fun-filled Kings Island theme park with 1,600 acres of rides, African Safari, live theater, and the world's longest, fastest roller coaster, "The Beast." Next door is the National College Football Hall of Fame and the Jack Nicklaus Sports Center for golf and tennis, and an hour away is the U.S. Air Force Museum, the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world.

Once in the city, Cincinnati has several drive-yourself tours that make it easy for Legionnaires to get a pleasant eyeful of the city's scenic, cultural and historic sights.

The final event all visitors should enjoy is to take an evening carriage ride downtown. With costumed drivers at the reins, horses lean to the harness and the clop-clop of hooves mixes with horns, music, laughter and the nighttime heartbeat of a healthy, wholesome Queen City on the Ohio River. □

FIRST, the bad news: America is on the doorstep of disaster. Recent runs on Savings and Loans are daily headlines in a few states; some forecasters predict that in the next few years, more banks will teeter toward collapse; bankruptcies, unemployment and inflation will soar while living standards nose dive; scarcity will inflict the nation; Medicare will wheeze its last breath; Social Security will be a memory; and this time, no buddy will spare a dime. Introducing The Second Great Depression.

There's more: Ground water contaminated by toxic wastes will compound worldwide drought; poisoned topsoil will scourge what remaining American farmlands aren't already out of business; Congress will pass laws to close U.S. borders and restrict the number of children per family; rioting will jolt cities as martial law snuffs civil liberties; and international tensions will poised nervous fingers ever closer to nuclear war buttons.

Now the good news: Never mind the bad news. We all know the people who forecast it are usually wrong.

But is that good news? Some experts warn that the American public's indifference today to coming crises could assure there'll be no tomorrow.

In the past two decades, doomsayers have conjured up dozens of scenarios of the demise of planet Earth. But appointments with the apocalypse have come and gone undramatically.

Predictions for the 1970s turned out to be a flop. Only a few foresaw the runaway inflation or an energy crisis that temporarily stalled America in long lines at gas stations. Even respected forecasters overlooked slumping U.S. productivity. The title of one popular book in 1967 was its prediction: *Famine 1975*.

Undaunted seers of the '80s also discovered the future just isn't what it used to be. Respected ecologist Paul Ehrlich expected famine to starve 65 million Americans in the 1980s. Others projected financial fizzle and catastrophic energy shortages by this year. Forecasts of the dollar's value abroad have been less reliable than the toss of a coin.

As the famous Danish physicist Niels Bohr once said, "Prediction is very difficult—especially about the future." But the mistaken glut of gloom dished out to Americans year after year, decade after decade, has numbed John Q. Pub-

Americans have become accustomed to continual predictions of doom. One crisis is predicted hard on the heels of the last. Yet few seem to come to pass. Why?

IS THIS CRISIS REAL?

By Don Oldenburg

lic to warnings of even the most probable calamities.

It's the classic fable of the boy who cried wolf once too often, said Clement S. Mihanovich, professor emeritus of sociology at St. Louis University and a futurist himself. "You can continuously make doomsday predictions and frighten the hell out of people, and people will pay attention—but only for a while."

Gov. Richard Lamm said the real problem isn't that the boy cried wolf too often, but rather too soon. The beast still lurks out there.

"How do you get people to address a creeping crisis?" Lamm asked. "The deficit? The health-care crisis? The immigration problem? I'm just shattered when I look at public opinion polls and see how few people take these things seriously."

To alert the public, Lamm recently wrote *Megatraumas: America In The Year 2,000*, a collection of cataclysmic scenarios that publisher Houghton Mifflin tagged non-fiction. "My bottom line is that man is a marvelously adaptable animal once a problem is defined," he said, arguing that public apathy increases the odds that future traumas will occur. "We are a national Titanic speeding through iceberg-filled waters," Lamm warned.

In 1974, Kenneth E. F. Watt, a "global modeler" at the University of California, Davis, developed a theory he called The Titanic Effect: "There appears to be a basic human tendency to ignore warnings about enormous disasters as 'unthinkable,'" he wrote. "That the world could run out of energy is 'unthinkable,' and consequently it is difficult to interest people in ensuring that such a thing won't happen."

"Yet, if we examine history, an important generalization . . . can be discerned: The magnitude of disasters decreases to the extent that people believe that they are possible and plan to prevent them or minimize their effects."

THAT kind of logic produced legislation this year in the U.S. Senate that, if passed, would establish an executive level U.S. Office of Critical Trends—in effect, the President's own crystal ball. Sen. Albert Gore introduced the bill after becoming convinced the quality of forecasting future economy, population, world food supply and the environment issues has dangerously declined.

Still, how do you know what predictions to believe? Which ones do you act on?

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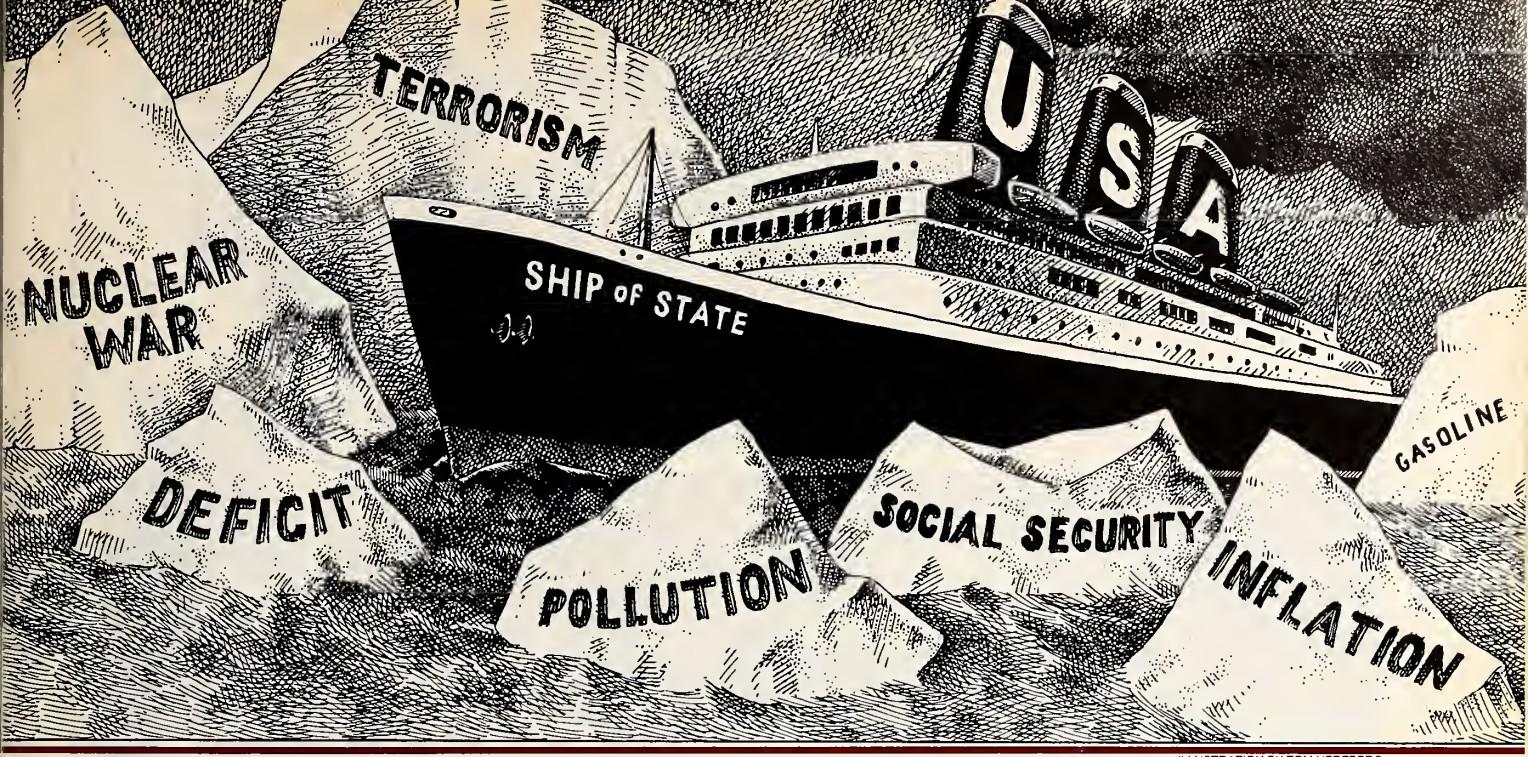


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Watt cautioned that most people misinterpret the role valid forecasters play in society. "Predictions are designed to be self-defeating," he explained. An energy crisis looms. The public gets nervous. The government lets prices of energy float up so consumption goes down. The crisis is prevented, and the prediction served its ideal purpose. "But the public thinks the forecasters were wrong," said Watt, "because no major crisis occurred."

Howard Ruff's 1979 bestseller, *How To Prosper During the Coming Bad Years*, predicted an economic Stone Age by the early '80s. "The function of the prophet of doom is to prevent doom," said Ruff, in Pleasanton, Calif., where he operates what he claims is the nation's largest circulation financial advisory service. He likened himself to the Old Testament Jonas, sent by God to Nineveh to warn of coming destruction. "He was called the prophet of doom," said Ruff. "The people listened and repented in sack cloth and ashes. God decided not to destroy them. The essential message is that if we don't change our trends, it's going to happen to us."

But there's a hitch. All forecasters aren't divine messengers. All "experts"

aren't experts. All motives aren't sincere. Exploitation, deceit and greed have tainted public trust in the predicting profession.

"If you write a Pollyanna book, it's not going to strike people as much as calling for the collapse," said Mihanovich. "That is sensational. That's going to sell. These people discredit the forecasting profession. They select facts and statistics to fit their particular theories. And, of course, they're usually wrong."

Vested interests also have gripped a choke hold on legitimate forecasting. "All forecasting in modern times has become a disaster area," said Watt, "because so much of it isn't forecasting anymore. It's propaganda. Most of it comes from vested-interest groups that stand to derive some political or financial benefit from saying these things."

"Papering over reality" is what Watt called it, charging that even the White House regularly withheld facts and statistics to create tinkered versions of the American future—for political purposes. For instance, he said, statistical sleight-of-hand is being used to whitewash the collapse of American agriculture: "The farm situation is enormously worse than the public is told . . . The

entire sector is on the verge of going bankrupt."

Yet, well-intentioned doomsayers who feed exaggerated bad news to the public "for its own good" have proven just as damaging to the public's confidence in forecasting. So who do you listen to?

"Ask yourself, 'Who is making the prediction? Why is he making the prediction?'" recommended Mihanovich.

If the forecaster stands to make money from his prediction in any way, concurred Watt, "There's reason to be suspicious. If the public power research institute tells you the demand for energy is going to go up, it's got something to gain."

"If a person is honestly curious and tries to find out what is going on . . ." said Watt, his words trailing off in frustration. "The country is uninformed. People generally don't want to know that they can change their future. We may be headed toward disaster basically because we have a benign belief in the country, a belief that things work out right for America."

Futurists such as Watt and Lamm said the nation's best hope lies in the emergence of leaders who can put politics and personal interest aside and awaken the nation to the future's ambushes.

"We hope there's a Churchill who can come along and describe the gathering storm so people will listen," said Lamm. "But if Paul Revere were to ride tonight sounding his warning, he'd be arrested for disturbing the peace." □

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BUDGET PROPOSALS THREATEN AMERICA'S VETERANS

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"Savior of his country" when the guns
begin to shoot.*

Rudyard Kipling

AS THE haunting sounds of "Taps" echoed across America on Veterans Day 1985 in memory of the nation's fallen heroes, the Congress was in the process of wrestling with legislation to balance the federal budget—legislation that could severely hamper the ability of the Veterans Administration to adequately care for America's former servicemen and servicewomen.

Historically, the nation has reserved a special niche in society for veterans who served in both war and peace. That gratitude has been demonstrated in a number of ways, especially under the banner of the VA. Services and programs offered through that agency, particularly in health care and medical research, have constituted a large part of an implied contract between a grateful nation and its veterans.

The medical technology and advances that have been made through VA have not been exclusive to America's veterans. All of mankind has vastly benefited from VA research, and VA facilities have been the training ground for thousands of physicians, nurses and medical specialists.

But there is a struggle in the nation today to shed a national spending trend that threatens the very fabric of the American economy. The proposed cures, however, threaten the fabric of the VA system as well.

Last October, members of Congress came to grips with the stark realities of deficit spending after extending the nation's debt ceiling to \$2 trillion. The mood of the country became the mood of Congress, and a balanced budget amendment surfaced in the U.S. Senate, authored by Sens. Phil Gramm of Texas, Warren Rudman of New Hampshire and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina.

The amendment, tacked on to the debt extension bill, proposed to eliminate the national debt by \$36 billion each of the next five fiscal years, thus balancing

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the budget by 1991. The only major program exempted from cutbacks or elimination to meet budget target reductions was Social Security and cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for many of its recipients. The amendment did not exempt veterans disability compensation or pension, and contains a mechanism that would leave the VA medical care budget vulnerable for cuts.

Critics of the amendment, with The American Legion at the forefront, said the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings plan drives a stake through the heart of the nation's promise to take care of veterans in need. The Legion has long maintained that while the monstrous deficit should be erased, necessary programs such as health care should not, and if

cuts have to be made, all agencies and recipients must share equally.

This issue is a reminder of how funding has not kept pace with inflation. VA has become the government's fiscal whipping boy over the past decade, as veterans have seen a trend in the erosion of their benefits, and how, despite these drawbacks, the agency has proved to be an efficient organization.

THE CONTRACT

When America's warriors enlisted to serve their nation, and after they returned home, whether from the fields of enemy fire or from peacetime service, their return to civilian life was accompanied by certain promises from a grateful nation for having served. These promises are not chiseled in stone, but they constitute an implied contract to meet certain needs of veterans that has long been accepted by the American people and lawmakers.

"This is the ultimate defense contract," said Sen. Donald Riegle of Michigan. "We contracted with people to put their lives at risk. Many lost their lives or their active strength, and we should stand by our commitments." Riegle made those remarks last November in support of an amendment he and Sen. Alan Cranston of California authored that would have exempted veterans disability compensation and pension from proposed budget cuts.

Although the Riegle-Cranston measure failed when the Senate voted 52-44 to table the amendment, Riegle's remarks supported what the Legion had been saying all along: The obligation of military service begets an equal responsibility from the government.

"It's an obligation that must be honored, whether that person was placed

in a combat situation or served a state-side tour," said Nat'l Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud.

But it's an obligation many critics, both in and out of Congress, have said that lawmakers are backing away from during proposed budget-cutting decisions.

Under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings amendment, should Congress fail to meet target reductions in any of the five fiscal years, the administration would be required to make across-the-board cuts in entitlement programs and discretionary spending the following fiscal year, which would make VA health care and other programs the targets of a veritable fiscal turkey shoot. (Entitlements are those programs the government is mandated by law to pay. Discretionary spending is that spending Congress may either authorize or cut in any fiscal year.) While Social Security would be exempted, veterans compensation and pension COLAs would not.

WHATEVER'S FAIR

This would mean that a non-veteran paralyzed in a fall while working on his roof would continue to receive annual increases in Social Security payments and COLAs while a veteran paralyzed by an enemy sniper's bullet might not realize the COLA, if VA budget targets were not met.

"I do not think there is any justification for striking out the cost-of-living adjustment for veterans in the category of service-connected disabilities," Riegle told the Senate. "What we are talking about here are people with, in many cases, serious impairments."

In addition to the freeze on COLAs for service-connected disabled veterans under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings plan, more than 345,000 survivors of veterans who died on active duty or died as a result of service-connected causes also would bear the brunt of the budget ax, Riegle said.

"The Legion has long supported measures that encourage responsible government spending and reducing our national debt. But the burden must be shared equally by all," Renaud said.

Therein lies the concern of fairness—one that even some lawmakers who supported Gramm-Rudman-Hollings have questioned. ". . . I think it is a mistake to leave out Social Security, but we have left it out (of the amendment). It is a political hot potato," said Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas, when the Riegle-Cranston proposal was being considered.

Under the House balanced budget amendment, which proposes more exemptions than the Senate's, Social Security COLAs, food stamps, Aid to

THE BUDGET TIMETABLE

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Each fiscal year is numbered for the year during which it ends, so fiscal year '86 began last Oct. 1.

The budget process is really a combination of a number of processes that come together in a plan to provide money for federal programs.

This easy-sounding, though highly complex process, is to be done between the convening of the Congress in January and Sept. 14. Which means that the complicated process of appropriating more than \$970 billion, and taking testimony from groups such as The American Legion, must be done in a little more than six months.

Although it's impossible to predict specifically the time and date that proposed legislation will be under consideration by various committees, committees do follow a general timetable of events.

That timetable is provided below to help you keep aware of the status of legislation proposing cuts in, limits on or elimination of veterans benefits

and programs owed to veterans.

- Fifteen days after Congress meets, the President submits his budget for the next year. This will be done Feb. 4 this year.

- House and Senate budget committees examine the proposed budget.

- By March 15, congressional committees and joint committees submit recommendations for budget resolutions to the full committees in each house.

- By April 15 the budget committees are supposed to report their first concurrent budget resolutions to their respective houses.

- By May 15 the committees complete action on the first, non-binding budget resolution. Differences between the two houses' versions must be resolved in a conference committee.

- Congress is supposed to complete action on a binding second budget resolution by Sept. 15. In reality, this has become a formality over the past few years, and the first resolution has automatically been adopted, with some changes, as the second.

- Oct. 1 the fiscal year begins.

Families with Dependent Children, child nutrition, health care centers for migrant workers, supplemental food distribution programs and veterans pensions and compensation COLAs would not suffer budget cuts if spending targets were not met.

Of equal concern to the Legion is that part of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings amendment that gives unelected officials (Office of Management and Budget), through the President, virtual *carte blanche* authority to make automatic cuts when spending fails to meet reduction targets.

"In spite of the economic crisis facing the nation because of high deficits, it is bad public policy anytime the Congress gives vast new authority for spending decisions to unelected officials," Renaud said. "Some have suggested the plan may even be unconstitutional."

The Senate proposal would affect nearly all projects involving VA outpatient and hospital facilities, research and treatment, equipment purchases, construction projects and the VA workforce. For example, if a budget limit was exceeded in a fiscal year, the excess amount would be withheld from the fol-

lowing fiscal year's budget. The result could mean that VA funding would have to be reduced to make up the difference.

To illustrate what a 4 percent cut in funds would mean in next year's budget, according to preliminary OMB estimates, about 20,000 of the VA's 218,000-member workforce would be laid off.

"What is before us is the potential denial of health care benefits to low-income veterans and other Americans who may have nowhere else to turn to get the care they need," Cranston said. ". . . (VA health care) is the keystone of the VA's various programs of benefits and services to our nation's veterans, and, as such, should not be put at risk in the way this legislation would do."

Supporters of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings amendment have argued that measures to exempt veterans programs would deal a serious blow to Congress' efforts to leash deficit spending and balance the budget. Yet, the budget for the entire VA health delivery system amounts to only 1.6 percent of funds subject to cuts, according to Riegle.

"Opposing an amendment to fence off veterans' COLAs and medical care from the effects of the Gramm-Rudman

amendment is not a vote against veterans. It is an act of fiscal responsibility by members of this body on behalf of veterans and all Americans," said Sen. Frank Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

So what's at stake under the Senate-sponsored balanced budget plan? It's the loss of services to the oldest, sickest and poorest of the nation's veterans, estimated at 3 million, who are served annually in VA facilities.

"At a time when our nation's aging veterans' population continues to grow, we in the Legion don't know how cuts can be made without seriously damaging the VA," Renaud said.

A DECADE OF AUSTERITY

\$26.5 billion. That's the budget VA will operate on in Fiscal Year 86. About a third of that amount will go to health

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care and the remainder to veterans compensation and pensions, GI education and other programs.

Over the past decade, VA Administrators have been forced to meet increasing health care obligations without accompanying increases in the VA budget. For example, from 1974 to 1985, Medicare spending climbed 449 percent

while VA health care increased only 137 percent.

"While there's little doubt the VA has exercised fiscal responsibility during high inflationary times and deficits," Renaud said, "legislative proposals for more and more restraints each year have affected such things as VA construction and staffing levels."

The most serious of restraints to the VA health care program came at the end of 1985. Congress gave its approval to an income eligibility means test, and to third party reimbursement, a plan that requires insurance companies to pay for the VA medical care of their veteran policyholders with non-service-connected disabilities who receive care in VA facilities.

In defense of the means test and third party reimbursement, members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee said both measures were passed to stave off future and more damaging cuts in VA health care. While other veterans groups went along with both plans, The American Legion did not, maintaining that both measures would open the door to dismantling the VA health-care system altogether.

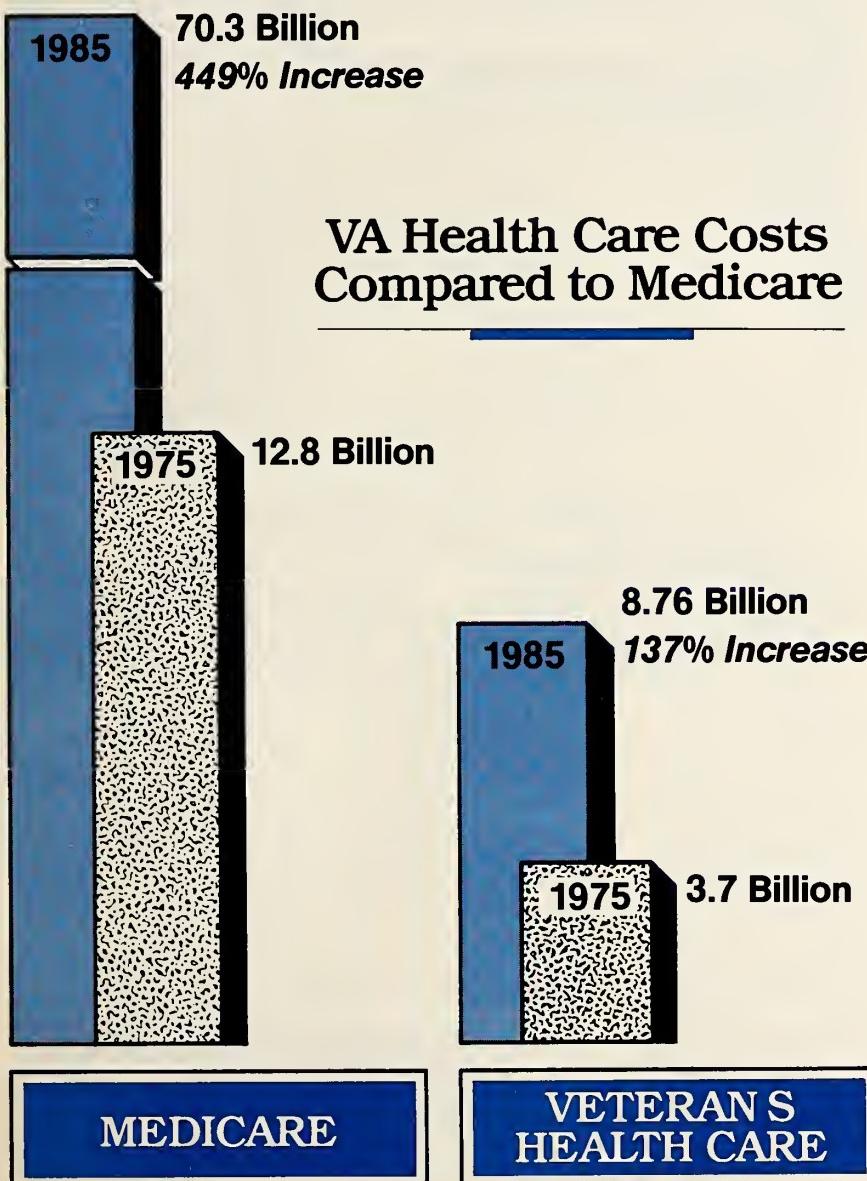
WELCOME TO HARD TIMES

Legion officials have adamantly opposed any cost-cutting legislation that would break the nation's long-standing promise to care for its defenders, especially when other programs were spared.

Beyond implied contracts and promises are additional long-term consequences that cast a dark cloud over the future of VA health care if the government balances the budget at the expense of its veterans. Those consequences would include:

Research—The VA has long been a leader in providing the private health care industry with advances in prosthetic and geriatric medicine. As America's veteran population grows, especially with older veterans, so will the problems. VA currently operates 110 nursing homes to help meet the needs of older veterans.

In prosthetic research, VA has made technological breakthroughs that have



helped America's war amputees lead nearly normal lives. Also, great strides have been made in treating traumatic injuries of combat servicemen.

Training—An estimated 100,000 doctors, nurses and medical specialists train each year in VA's 172 medical hospitals and 226 outpatient clinics. Such training allows the nation's medical schools to give prospective wartime physicians the hands-on clinical experience they would be unable to find in private industry facilities.

Readiness—The VA health care system is the largest public health institution in the free world. And in time of war, it serves as a backup for military

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hospitals. But, many VA facilities are operating at full capacity now, and, in the event of a national emergency, could not provide adequate care for combat wounded.

But the implied contract cannot be ignored, as the Legion and many congressmen have said. "The Congress has a long history of supporting VA programs to meet the needs of our nation's veterans," Cranston told the Senate. "And we should not now be risking pulling the plug on the health care system and allowing its strength, quality and vitality to drain away.

"Rather, in light of the ever-growing number of older veterans who are turning to VA to receive needed care, this is the time that we in Congress should be standing firm on our commitment to maintain the system," Cranston said.

"Congress must remember," Renaud said, "that the costs of war can never be accurately measured; that they do not end with the departure of hostilities, and that they must not be written off during times of peace." □

The American Legion Magazine will be publishing additional articles over the next seven months that will cover the VA's contributions to society, how the VA budget is spent and the consequences of VA budget cuts. The goal of the articles is to help Legionnaires become well-informed on the issues so they can better communicate with their congressmen, senators and local officials.

Riegle-Cranston Amendment

HOW THEY VOTED

Initial Senate endorsement of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill occurred quickly. However, responding to House objections, the Senate discussed several adjustments to soften the proposal's effect on particular domestic programs. One recommended adjustment, the Riegle-Cranston Amendment, sought to exempt veterans compensation and pension from future cost of living freezes and to provide some protection for veterans health care. This amendment was rejected 52-44 on Nov. 15, 1985.

Although no single vote is a completely reliable indicator of a voting record or pattern, this Senate action was significant for two reasons: The Riegle-Cranston Amendment sought specifically to protect veterans programs, and it demonstrated Senate determination to confront budget deficits.

The record of that vote is as follows:

AGAINST AMENDMENT—52

Armstrong (R-Colo.)	Gorton (R-Wash.)	Nickles (R-Okla.)
Bingaman (D-N.M.)	Gramm (R-Tex.)	Nunn (D-Ga.)
Boren (D-Okla.)	Grassley (R-Iowa)	Packwood (R-Ore.)
Boschwitz (R-Minn.)*	Hatch (R-Utah)	Proxmire (D-Wis.)
Chafee (R-R.I.)	Hatfield (R-Ore.)	Quayle (R-Ind.)
Cochran (R-Miss.)	Hecht (R-Nev.)	Roth (R-Del.)
Cohen (R-Me.)	Heinz (R-Pa.)	Rudman (R-N.H.)
D'Amato (R-N.Y.)	Helms (R-N.C.)	Simpson (R-Wyo.)*
Danforth (R-Mo.)	Kassebaum (R-Kan.)	Stafford (R-Vt.)*
Denton (R-Ala.)*	Kaster (R-Wis.)	Stevens (R-Alaska)
Dodd (D-Conn.)	Laxalt (R-Nev.)	Symms (R-Idaho)
Dole (R-Kan.)	Long (D-La.)	Thurmond (R-S.C.)*
Domenici (R-N.M.)	Lugar (R-Ind.)	Trible (R-Va.)
Durenberger (R-Minn.)	Mathias (R-Md.)	Wallop (R-Wyo.)
East (R-N.C.)	Mattingly (R-Ga.)	Warner (R-Va.)
Evans (R-Wash.)	McClure (R-Ida.)	Wilson (R-Calif.)
Garn (R-Utah)	McConnell (R-Ky.)	
Goldwater (R-Ariz.)	Murkowski (R-Alaska)**	

FOR AMENDMENT—44

Abdnor (R-S.D.)	Glenn (D-Ohio)	Melcher (D-Mont.)
Andrews (R-N.D.)	Gore (D-Tenn.)	Metzenbaum (D-Ohio)
Baucus (D-Mont.)	Harkin (D-Iowa)	Mitchell (D-Me.)*
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Bradley (D-N.J.)	Hawkins (R-Fla.)	Pell (D-R.I.)
Bumpers (D-Ark.)	Heflin (D-Ala.)	Pressler (R-S.D.)
Burdick (D-N.D.)	Hollings (D-S.C.)	Pryor (D-Ark.)
Byrd (D-W. Va.)	Inouye (D-Hawaii)	Riegle (D-Mich.)
Chiles (D-Fla.)	Johnston (D-La.)	Rockefeller (D-W. Va.)*
Cranston (D-Calif.)*	Kennedy (D-Mass.)	Sarbanes (D-Md.)
DeConcini (D-Ariz.)*	Kerry (D-Mass.)	Sasser (D-Tenn.)
Dixon (D-Ill.)	Lautenberg (D-N.J.)	Simon (D-Ill.)
Eagleton (D-Mo.)	Leahy (D-Vt.)	Specter (R-Pa.)*
Exon (D-Neb.)	Levin (D-Mich.)	Stennis (D-Miss.)
Ford (D-Ky.)	Matsunaga (D-Hawaii)*	

Absent—4—Biden (D-Del.), Humphrey (R-N.H.), Weicker (R-Conn.), and Zorinsky (D-Neb.).

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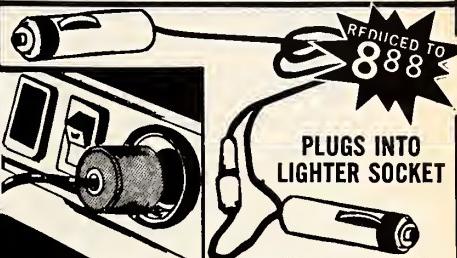


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DIRECT MAIL PROGRAM INCREASES MEMBERSHIP

HIS poster was found in America's post offices, drug stores, train stations and storefront windows. He looked each beholder squarely in the eye and delivered a simple, direct message: "I Want You." In return, Uncle Sam received millions.

The American Legion has been using a similar, yet more sophisticated method to boost its membership the past 18 months. Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS) is attempting to reach all of the nation's estimated 28 million veterans and invite those eligible to join the ranks of the Legionnaires. The program thus far has met with significant success, accounting for more than 125,000 new members during the 1985 membership year.

"The immediate goal of DMS is to help increase membership from 2.7 to 3 million by the end of the 1986 membership year," said National Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud. But reaching that goal and getting the message across to the millions of would-be Legionnaires will take more than a plethora of patriotic posters.

National Headquarters has relied primarily on direct mail—an approach experts say is the most effective way to reach large special groups such as veterans. Other plans include television and radio promotions, advertisements in magazines and newspapers, or any combination of those approaches.

Direct mail works like this: National Headquarters obtains mailing lists from brokerage firms. The lists of names are cross-checked by computer against Legion membership files to exclude current members. Then, a letter signed by the National Commander is sent to those whose names appear on the list, detailing the Legion's concerns and

DMS is proving its value as a recruiting aid for posts and departments, helping the Legion grow to 3 million members.



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY—Some 25 million veterans are receiving personal invitations to join The American Legion.

accomplishments, explaining why new members are needed and describing information on The American Legion Family Benefit Plan. A membership application form also is enclosed. Applicants may pay their membership fee of \$17 by check, or charge it to a Visa or Master Card account.

Applications are returned to National

Headquarters and the names of those who paid their fee are entered into computer files. The names are routed to department headquarters in the applicants' respective states. Departments are supplied with mailing labels and new members are sent a letter welcoming them to the Legion and informing them of posts in their areas. DMS members are encouraged to apply for transfer to local posts.

The obvious concern of departments and posts might be that DMS undermines their roles in recruiting new members. Not so, Renaud said.

"DMS is not designed to usurp any post's or department's authority. Instead, it provides each with an excellent, efficient and effective tool to use to recruit new members and grow," Renaud said. "However, one-to-one contact will always be our best method of obtaining new members."

Departments and local posts play an integral role in DMS, especially in retaining new members. "Every effort should be made to establish personal contact with new members and welcome them into the organization. That kind of contact might be the encouragement for DMS members to become active, valuable Legionnaires—the very things that give posts visibility in their communities," said Douglas W. Henley, chairman of the Legion's Membership and Post Activities Committee.

"District commanders and post officers are of critical importance in the DMS program," Henley said. "They will be, more than likely, the first to personally get in touch with a new DMS member and that may well be the determining factor as to whether or not a new member will remain a member."

Department adjutants at the 1985

Spring Meetings at National Headquarters offered suggestions that resulted in ways to make the DMS program more efficient. Application forms going to prospective members now ask for telephone numbers to help put departments and posts in touch with them more quickly.

With the millions of letters being sent, there's virtually no way to avoid some current members receiving an invitation to join. In those cases, and the instances have been few, an enclosed statement asks them to overlook the solicitation to join.

"Every precaution is taken to ensure that our own members do not receive these mailings. It doesn't occur often, especially when compared to the millions of letters sent out annually," Henley said. "But when it does, we ask that you do not return the postage-paid envelope to tell us you're a member."

The DMS program also has turned up some interesting information in reaching a representative cross-section of America's veterans population. Legion officials have said the gap between different war-era veterans has narrowed in terms of signing new members. In essence, the percentage of World War II, Korean and Vietnam war veterans responding to this approach is about equal.

Departments and posts might benefit

from some of the methods and approaches used in DMS and combine them with their own means to increase membership. The end result will be the same at all Legion levels: greater membership and a stronger representation of America's veterans.

While the Legion hopes to increase its numbers through DMS and retain current members, the organization also has set its sights on increasing membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, the Junior Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion. To qualify for membership in the Legion Auxiliary, an applicant must be the wife, mother, daughter, granddaughter or sister of an American Legion member, or qualify through her own service, in either of the

two world wars, Korea or Vietnam. Junior Auxiliary members must be under the age of 18. Membership in SAL is made up of male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of Legion members.

Henley said higher memberships in those three organizations would help strengthen the Legion as a family-oriented organization. But bolstering the entire membership begins at the post level.

"There is no valid reason why we cannot re-establish our membership base and begin to experience true growth in our organization," Renaud said. "DMS is a new approach and one that will require continuous learning and communication at all levels of The American Legion." □

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REPRINTS REKINDLE MEMORIES

THE Yanks are coming. At least in the forms of decorative note cards and calendars.

Eight departments of The American Legion were selected to participate in the initial testing of the Revenue Enhancement Program (REP), a joint DMS effort by the national organization and departments to generate funds for Legion programs. The test offers limited-edition reprints of patriotic posters from both world wars—artistic images that were used to attract recruits and increase war bond sales.

"Many of these posters will be recognized by Legionnaires. The reprints are available only through our organization and are reproduced from artwork located in the archives at National Headquarters in Indianapolis," said Douglas W. Henley, chairman of the

Membership and Post Activities Committee.

Test states for the cards include Utah, Wyoming, Washington, Minnesota, Mississippi and New Mexico. Legionnaires in West Virginia and Arizona will receive calendars containing the same 12 reprints. About 260,000 members in the test states have already received letters announcing the program.

"We're just testing the waters at this point," said Henley. "We'll go back to the National Executive Committee at the Spring Meetings in May to see if the program should be continued."

Those who received the letters, but did not want the cards or calendars, were also asked to return a postage-paid reply card. Those who did not return the reply cards will receive

either of the two reprints and a letter listing suggested donations. Also, information will be included on how reprints of the original posters may be obtained.

The cards and calendars will be a stroll down memory lane for many Legionnaires. World War I sailors might recall the poster of the bare-chested gunner's mate loading a shell into a cannon. But the Legion is pursuing the program for more than just promoting patriotic memorabilia.

"It's important to remember that this is a test to determine the feasibility of raising funds to enhance many of the fine programs of The American Legion," Henley said. "This is why our organization exists—veterans helping veterans, and veterans helping America." □

Nominations for Employer of the Year Due Jan. 15

WHEN Johnny comes marching home from the military, all too often he finds that jobs are scarce. That has been true for Vietnam-era and disabled veterans, but The American Legion's National Economic Commission has taken steps to promote hiring by recognizing those employers who have opened their doors to veterans.

Posts and departments have until Jan. 15, 1986, to review hiring records of local employers and submit nominations for the Employer of the Year Award to the commission. Two categories may be considered: employers of more than 200 employees and employers with fewer than 200.

Posts should send their nominations to their departments for review and forwarding to the commission for further consideration. Winners from each category will be invited to the National Convention next August. The program encourages the hiring of veterans and also gives posts visibility in their communities.

For more information and nomination forms, write: Assistant Director for Economics, National Economic Division, The American Legion, 1608 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Stained Glass Window Dedication Planned

DEDICATION of the Auxiliary Window—a stained glass window bearing The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion emblems—in Washington, D.C.'s National Cathedral, is planned for 11 a.m., Feb. 23.

The window is the culmination of a fund-raising project initiated by Romaine Roethel when she was the National President of the Auxiliary in 1981-82.

The dedication ceremony coincides with The American Legion's 26th annual Washington Conference, Feb. 23-26.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS CHILD?

MISSING—Pamela Brady Boarman, 15. Last seen Aug. 29, 1985, in Chesapeake Beach, Md. Hair: Strawberry blonde. Eyes: Blue. Height: 5'5". Weight: 110 lbs. Contact: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 1-800-843-5678.



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LEGION DONATION HELPS START AHA

COUNTLESS battles and untold lives may have been saved in the war against heart disease during the past four decades because of a special grant from The American Legion to the American Heart Association during the association's early years.

The AHA was trying to plot a course of direction after World War II and lacked the seed money to put its plans into motion. In 1946, The American Legion contributed \$50,000 to the American Council on Rheumatic Fever, a group that today is a part of the AHA.

The Legion's contribution made it possible for the AHA to hire its first medical director, Dr. David Rutstein, who with other physicians reorganized the association into what has become one of the nation's largest partnerships between the medical community and the general public.

The \$50,000 also helped pay for two three-year fellowships to study heart disease and to establish the statistical arm of the association. The research has led to treatments and surgical procedures once considered impossible in the prevention and cure of heart disease.

Leukemia Society Presents Award to Legion Foundation

THE American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., has received the Special Recognition Award from the Leukemia Society of America. The award honored the foundation for its grants to three leukemia public education and information projects.

The foundation has provided more than \$50,000 in grants to the society, enabling it to produce "A Sense of Hope," a film on childhood leukemia. The society also produced a teen-age diary and coloring book, both designed to help young people afflicted with leukemia and related diseases cope with the psychological aspects of their illness.

Since 1954, the foundation has provided financial support to projects that reach out to young people on a nationwide basis.

The award was presented during the society's national annual awards banquet at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Representing the foundation was Paul R. Frinsthal, executive secretary to the board of directors.

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Two-year-old Desiree Voorhis is fighting back, and Stanton Post 783, Stanton, Calif., has kicked in to help her.

Over a year ago, the youngster suffered serious burns to her face, hands and legs in an explosion at her father's Riverside, Calif., apartment. The blast killed her father. Desiree peers at the world from behind a pressure mask that keeps burn scar tissue from forming. Medical bills total nearly \$100,000 and doctors have said the girl will need more operations.

Post 783 rallied to Desiree's side last September, raising about \$6,000 in an event dubbed "Fun Day" at the Legion hall. Among the activities were a chicken dinner, door prize drawings and an auction. Nearby posts and other community groups pitched in as well, donating prizes and materials.

Are Legionnaires flag-wavers? You bet, and proud of it! Consider, if you will, members of Hamburg Post 527, Hamburg, N.Y. The post recently donated 60 American flags to the town. The colors, which adorn light standards along Hamburg's Main Street, are flown on patriotic holidays and civic occasions.

"This is just one way we hope to promote honor and respect for our flag," said Post Adjutant Gar Pagett.

A University of Hawaii economics student is pedaling his way across America to promote public awareness of dyslexia—a disability that impairs a victim's ability to read and write.

Andy Geiser, 25, recently made a pit stop at McPherson Post 24, McPherson, Kan. The post held an open house for Geiser and his crew, Ron Boyer and Arron Labador. All three suffer from dyslexia. About 60 Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and others listened to

Geiser describe his experiences with the disease before physicians diagnosed it.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation earlier this year donated \$20,000 to help researchers in identifying and treating dyslexia.

Team work is the philosophy the Legion has long adhered to in getting things done. That's what the Department of Maryland and Leo F.

Welch Post 495, Indianapolis, did in helping an organization sponsor a conference dealing with a rare birth defect that causes children to develop at below-normal rates.

The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdL) Foundation held its workshop in Indianapolis last year, but had to find a way to transport a Maryland Girl Scout troop there that had volunteered to watch the children of parents attending the event.

The Maryland department worked with the foundation to charter and pay expenses for a commercial bus. Post 495 and its Auxiliary unit provided free meals to the troop and parents during the weekend-long conference.

The signing of the treaty in Tokyo Bay signaled the end of the bloody 4½-year war in the Pacific. Several months earlier, the twisted dreams of Adolf Hitler came to an end in a Berlin bunker. The world was finally at peace.

The First District of Suffolk County, Department of New York American Legion, took a trip down memory lane on the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Tokyo Bay Peace Treaty. Legion-

naires and their ladies got "in the mood" as nearly all the original band members of Glenn Miller's U.S. Army Air Force Band played a number of the great bandleader's tunes from the past.



Many of the estimated 700 people who attended the dinner-dance also took time out to inspect a World War II display of uniforms, flags and captured enemy weapons. The display was provided by Matt Pepitone Post 1015, Amityville, N.Y.

I receive this award in the name of all patriots who made the supreme sacrifice," said Medal of Honor recipient Charles A. MacGillivray, when he accepted The Lantern Award from the Massachusetts State Council of The Knights of Columbus.

MacGillivray, a life member of American Legion Post 95, Quincy, Mass., follows in the footsteps of such luminaries as the late Cardinal Richard Cushing, Henry Cabot Lodge and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in receiving the award given annually for outstanding patriotism to the nation.

MacGillivray won the Medal of Honor as a foot-soldier during the bone-chilling



and decisive Battle of the Bulge of World War II.

"The price of freedom comes high," MacGillivary said. "Visit any Veterans Administration hospital throughout this great nation and you will see the scars of war."

It takes more than designer jogging suits and color coordinated running shoes to get a person in physical shape, said Edward W. Bradley. He should know because he's spent the past several years instructing others how to do it.

Bradley, a U.S. Navy veteran and member of Post 25, Milltown, N.J., has been selected by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports as one of the nation's 10 Healthy American Fitness Leaders (HAFL). He was selected for his contributions to physical fitness on local and state levels.

Among his accomplishments, Bradley has worked with several administrations in promoting health fitness programs, and last year met with First Lady Nancy Reagan to discuss drug and alcohol abuse programs between the White House and New Jersey. He also was responsible for raising \$350,000 in private donations for various youth groups while serving as state chairman of the New Jersey Olympic Torch Relay Committee in 1984.

The American Legion has a friend in transplanted Canadian Hermon Merserau. Merserau, a member of The Royal Canadian Legion, Post 87, Braintree, Mass., was recently awarded the Canadian Friendship Award by The American Legion. The award is given each year to a Canadian veteran who is a member of a recognized veteran's organization and who best exemplifies the friendship between the two countries.

Merserau, a past commander of the Eastern Command of the Canadian



Legion, is also involved in other community civic affairs. "In his quiet ways, Hermon Merserau has many times demonstrated this friendship to assist fellow and allied veterans," said Cleve V. Stairs, past commander of District 7, Department of Massachusetts.

To many high school students, Summer + Holidays = Leisure Time. But for Julee Miller of St. Petersburg, Fla., it adds up to volunteer time in a VA medical facility.



Miller's efforts haven't gone unnoticed—she was recently singled out as the VA's Outstanding Youth Volunteer for 1985. The high school sophomore, who is sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary, has chalked up more than 1,400 hours of service at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in the past two years. Staff members at the facility say Miller has a unique ability to communicate with patients and is well versed in therapeutic procedures.

The young woman volunteers up to four days a week during summer and on holidays during the school year. "When I'm talking with my patients, their disabilities disappear and they become just like everyone else," she said.

Along with a plaque from the VA Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee, Miller also received a \$2,000 check.

Known for its flair for doing things in a big way, the Lone Star State of Texas is celebrating its 150th birthday in 1986, and The Department of Texas American Legion has an important role in that observance. The department was included in the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission to help coordinate activities and events that began New Year's Day and will end Dec. 31.

Several posts will sponsor fish fries and barbecues and many will conduct downtown parades in their communities. Posts have been encouraged to purchase a Texas flag to be carried in public events. Legionnaires will also conduct special programs in schools focusing on Texas history.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



Christian Bretall

At 91, in a wheelchair, Christian Bretall could reflect on 66 years of Legion work and 56 years as a VA volunteer, and rest on his laurels. Instead, he's busy helping others in the Perry Point, Md., VA nursing home he moved to last year. He continues to solicit tickets to sporting events to give to hospital patients, organizes ward parties, crab feasts, musical entertainment, and often provides the refreshments himself. His zest for life has continued unabated as he contributes to the morale of other veterans.

A life member of Emory Post 8 in Baltimore, Md., he has held every office and served on every committee in the post; was adjutant and service officer for 25 years; and still chairs the Tri-State Hospital Entertainment Committee.

Robert B. Young, voluntary service specialist for the Perry Point VA hospital and nursing home, described Bretall as "a most remarkable volunteer and gentleman. He has received every volunteer award that the VA bestows."

His 37,000 hours of volunteer service—18 years of 40-hour weeks—began in 1929 and continued despite gasoline rationing during World War II.

He has received awards from U.S. Presidents, The American Legion National Commander's "Certificate of Recognition" and the "Good Neighbor Award," and was Maryland's 1982 Veteran of the Year.

Big Smoky Valley Post 18, Nevada

Hub of the Mining Country

ICAN'T say enough good things about the members of Post 18. They are fantastic Legionnaires and the post is the best in the state," was the enthusiastic endorsement of Dept. Adjutant Robert D. Lindley of Nevada.

Big Smoky Valley Post 18 earned such high praise for increasing its membership by more than 400 percent in little more than one year, and providing much-needed social and community events for the 1,500 people who live in the high desert mountain country served by the post.

For 20 years post membership hovered around 25 people. But early in 1983, men working in the Round Mountain mines, many of them Legionnaires from other areas, decided to revive the post. The roll grew to 101 members and the post soon had a calendar of activities that would rival those of larger posts.

Because its members are spread over 3,200 square miles—many of them living or working on isolated ranches, in mines or on conflicting shifts at the Round Mountain Gold Mine—Post 18 must conduct its business without monthly membership meetings.

Don L. Cirac, post commander during the revitalization, and now District

6 Commander, said the post gets its work done by monthly executive board meetings, frequent mailings of post reports and bulletins to all members, and combined post/auxiliary pot luck dinner-meetings held every two or three months.

"Members stay busy on community service projects instead of going to meetings," he said.

Vietnam veterans are 72 percent of the post's membership and hold key offices. The 1983 revitalization saw formation of the first Auxiliary unit for the area and it has remained very active. Mailings include information on the activities of both the post and unit.

The revitalization began with a steak barbecue and post meeting at Kingston, Nev., in September 1983, both to honor department and district officers and to launch the membership drive. Eighteen new members were initiated by the department commander.

In December, the post raffled a 12-gauge shotgun to raise funds for a new American flag and a supply of Legion caps. Then it started quarterly bingo parties to help finance projects and provide entertainment for the residents of Big Smoky Valley. A St. Patrick's Day dance and raffle followed, producing

enough revenue to pay for the post colors and fund other projects.

By spring of 1985, with 101 members, bingo was a twice-monthly activity that has since become a popular recreational and social activity in the area, providing excellent public relations for the post.

The Christmas raffle, drawing support from throughout the state, expanded to become the post's major fund-raiser and offers a prize of a \$1,500 Hawaiian vacation.

One of the post's major activities is a Dial Santa project in which telephone appointments are made for Santa to visit children in their homes. Santa brings the children gifts from the post and, if the parents make prior arrangements, he also delivers gifts purchased by the family. In the first year, Santa visited 256 children in their homes and made calls on other children in Round Mountain School and the Smoky Valley Mining Division company party. Cirac said the Santa project "was probably the best public relations effort of the year."

On Mother's Day, master chef Chuck Ferry and post volunteers prepare a champagne breakfast, complete with corsages, and serve it free to all mothers in the area. The breakfast is such a success that last year 175 of the 285 persons attending the breakfast were paying customers.

In 1985, the post coordinated with the District to sponsor three delegates to Boys State. On its own, the post sponsored a Child Identification Program, a Girl Scout troop, the Legion birthday/St. Patrick's Day dance, helped with the Bowlers of America Tournament that benefited disabled veterans and provided refreshments at other community projects.

"We believe that the success of Post 18 is a prime example of the way dedication and hard work can fulfill the national and community obligations of the Legion," Cirac said. "Perhaps most important is the involvement of the Vietnam-era veterans. The future of the American Legion is in the hands of these veterans, and, at Post 18, they are showing that the Legion's future is bright indeed." □



PROJECT COMPLETED—Members of Post 18 and the post-sponsored Girl Scouts and their leaders gather at the Round Mountain "tire playground" after painting huge truck tires donated by Round Mountain Gold Corp.



VETERANS ADVISER

Have questions concerning your veterans benefits? The American Legion Magazine will answer as many as possible in this column. We regret that we are unable to provide a personal response to each query. Write to The American Legion Magazine, Veterans Adviser Editor, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Q. May active duty people apply for a VA guaranteed home loan?

A. Yes, active duty people are eligible after serving more than 180 days on active duty. VA Form 26-1880 must be completed and submitted to the VA regional office with a statement of service signed by the person's commanding officer. The VA will then issue a Certificate of Eligibility.

Q. I am a World War II veteran with service-connected disabilities. I was released from active service in 1948. Am I eligible for Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (RH)?

A. No. In order to qualify for Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (RH) a veteran must have a service-connected disability and have been separated from service under other than dishonorable conditions on or after April 25, 1951.

Q. My husband recently died and I want to file for a widow's pension. Does it matter whether I wait until I get his estate settled or should I file now?

A. The VA will need a report of your income and net worth to consider your claim. To establish the earliest possible effective date for a pension, you should file your claim within 45 days of your husband's death. If you do not have complete information about your income and net worth at the time you file your claim, give your best estimate and state that it is an estimate. The VA regional office will notify you concerning the evidence you must submit to complete your claim.

Q. My home was damaged by a hurricane and I received money from the

federal government for disaster relief. Does this count as income for my VA pension?

A. No. Monetary assistance following widespread disaster is not considered income.

Q. I am enrolled in a VA-sponsored on-the-job training program with a local employer. He is paying me a trainee wage and the VA is also authorizing a training allowance. Upon completion of my program will I receive extra employment allowance from the VA?

A. No. Upon completion of the OJT program you should become a full-time employee with the firm, having progressed to the journeyman level.

Q. Is there a limit on the number of times a loan can be made on a VA insurance policy?

A. There is no limit on the number of times a veteran can borrow on a permanent plan of insurance. However, the loan can never exceed 94 percent of the accumulated reserve value of the policy. If the veteran does not want to borrow the maximum amount, another loan application may be submitted at any time for the remainder.

Q. I completed six months of active duty with the National Guard. Am I eligible for VA hospital benefits?

A. Members of the National Guard who complete active duty for training are not eligible for VA hospital benefits unless during such service they are disabled from disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

Q. My son died in Vietnam and I am receiving parent's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from VA. I have been admitted to a nursing home. Am I entitled to an additional allowance from VA?

A. Parents receiving DIC may be granted an allowance for aid and attendance if they are either patients in a nursing home or require the regular

aid and attendance of another person. The allowance is \$135 monthly, payable in addition to the DIC.

Q. My spouse and I are both veterans of the armed forces and use our GI Bill education benefits to attend school. May we claim each other as dependents?

A. Yes. Any veteran may claim his or her spouse as a dependent for education benefits, provided a certified copy of the marriage certificate appears in both VA files.

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A. No. Only one service organization may represent you when filing a claim with the VA.

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A. No, not until you have been certified by the VA to act as fiduciary. You should send a certified copy of the letter of guardianship to the VA regional office where the veteran's records are maintained.

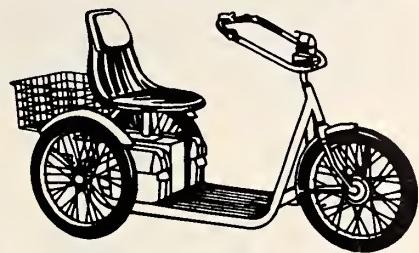
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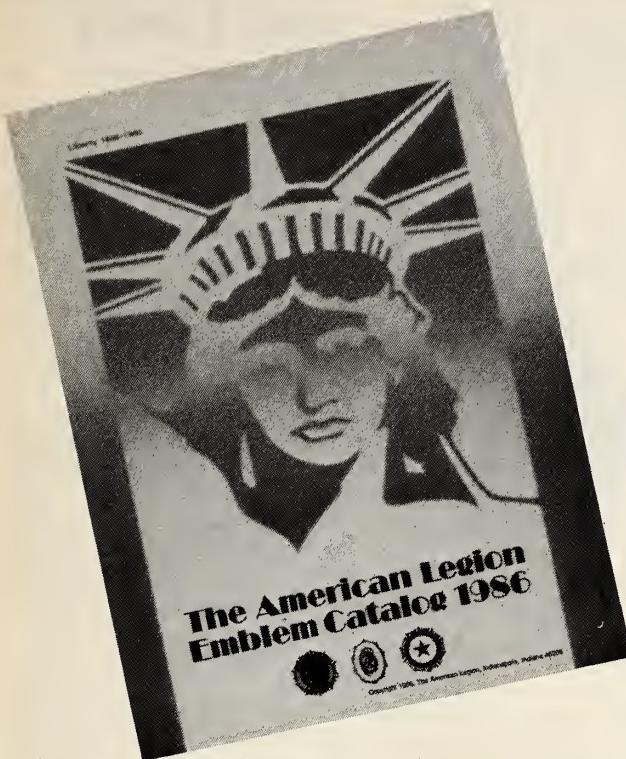
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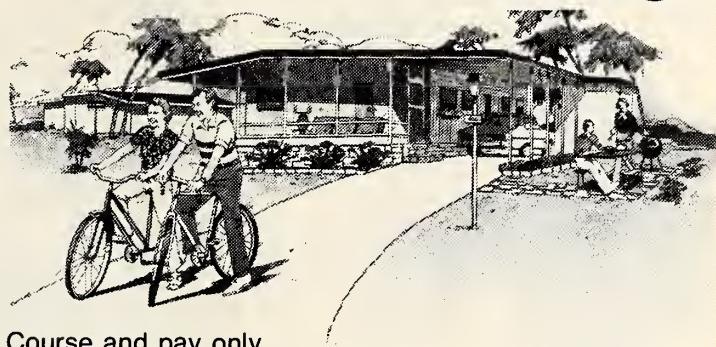
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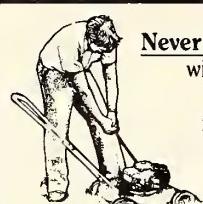
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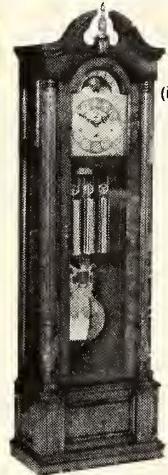
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Ismay said the flight across the Channel was such that the wings flapped like a duck's. Once in France, Churchill urged the ally to fight on from Africa, not for Britain's sake, but her own. He offered to exchange British and French citizenship, and pledged that whether she fought on or not, Britain would fight on until France was again free.

Churchill was acutely aware that he was at center stage in the theater of world history. The Americans and the British differed strongly on the disposition of post-war Italy. America accepted the edict of the Italian government-in-exile that Italy must become a Republic; Churchill fought to keep the king on the throne.

While the difference on Italy was still being debated, I was instructed to broach the subject of the future of the crown of Greece with Intrepid (Stephenson). My code name was Crusader. I received a terse note, "Intrepid to Crusader" simply stating that His Majesty's government did not regard the future of the throne of Greece as open to discussion.

The matter was too delicate for formal communication, so I called upon Intrepid to inform him that his government's position may not be negotiable, but I should hate to inform my government it was not even a matter of discussion, pointedly noting that American forces were predominant in the area. Stephenson immediately relayed this to London and received back a communication, which Stephenson told me was Churchill's personal explanation. At that time, it was top secret and remained so until Churchill later revealed it.

Churchill's position, as relayed by Stephenson, was this: When Greece fell, its king, like the King of Norway and the Queen of Holland, came under the protection of Churchill. Churchill then asked the King of Greece to call at 10 Downing Street. He told the king that if he would form a government-in-exile and fight on, when the arms of the West prevailed he, Churchill, would guarantee that the throne of Greece would be restored. The king exacted one condition: that Churchill repeat his promise in the presence of His Britannic Majesty. Churchill readily agreed. They repaired to Buckingham Palace and Churchill repeated his promise in the presence of King George VI, and George VI said, "So be it."

Churchill's message concluded, "And so, I cannot enter into a discussion of whether I will keep my word to two sov-

ereigns, one of whom happens to be my own!" I passed this on through the usual channel of the Department of State to the White House. Churchill's personal position, apparently, was fully respected because, while I was instructed to continue to press on Italy, nothing was ever again said to me about the crown of Greece.

It has been duly recorded how Churchill issued his directive "Set Europe ablaze," to Gen. Sir Colin Gubbins, Chief of Special Operations Executive, the underground actions behind enemy lines. Churchill issued another order to Gen. Gubbins when Hitler's Operation Sealion, the invasion of England, was expected. Gubbins was ordered to set up small arms arsenals in the southeastern towns and villages and, in the event the island was invaded, to don civilian clothing and pass the arms out to the civilians, men and women. As each town fell, Gubbins and his men were to signal the civilians to attack by putting up posters reading, "You Can Always Take One With You." This validated Churchill's statement, "We shall fight on the beaches . . . we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

After Dunkirk, Morris L. Ernst, a famous New York lawyer, descended the steps of the Supreme Court building with Justice Louis Brandeis. "Morris," said the Justice, "I've lived long enough to know who will be the final winner of this war."

Misunderstanding Brandeis to mean that the setback at Dunkirk had defeated the British, Ernst said, "Mr. Justice, the British armies have been defeated, but Great Britain isn't licked."

Pausing for emphasis, the octogenarian justice said, "Morris, the British are going to win! A nation which will fight to its last man, woman and child will never lose its liberty. There'll always be an England—while there's one Englishman alive!"

Later I heard from White House circles a story that I am unable to verify but consider fully possible: President Franklin Roosevelt, concerned that Britain might fall, suggested to Churchill that if the island was going, that the heavy units of the British Fleet be sent to Singapore, the cruisers to Aden and that the destroyers fall back to Halifax to help hold the Atlantic.

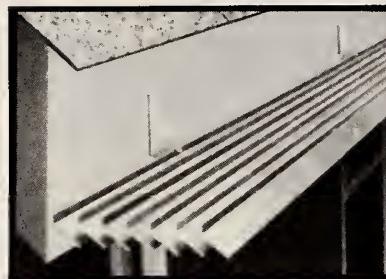
"My dear friend," Churchill replied, "thank you very much, but in the case that our island home falls, His Britannic Majesty's Navy will already be at the bottom of the sea."

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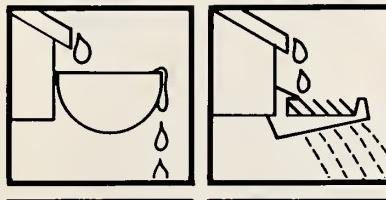
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Indeed, of 55 Postal Service contracts issued in fiscal year 1984 to carry U.S. mail overseas by ship, 43 were awarded to foreign-owned, foreign-flag vessels. Four of the contracts went to Poland's state-controlled line and one to communist Yugoslavia.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii and Rep. Helen Delich Bentley of Maryland introduced bills earlier this year to require the Postal Service to use American ships.

Another popular assumption is that the Navy, in time of war, could draft U.S.-owned ships flying foreign flags and crewed by non-Americans. Unfortunately, many of the 400 vessels in this fleet are huge tankers having little military usefulness.

Given these circumstances, the U.S. Navy recognized it had to do something to guarantee that at least a minimum number of merchant ships would be immediately available if war should come. Accordingly, it has been buying surplus commercial ships for its Ready Reserve force. Current plans are for a total of 116 ships to be ready for sea within five, 10 and 20 days of the outbreak of a national emergency.

The Navy's new construction and ship repair programs have been a godsend to the U.S. shipbuilding industry, accounting for more than 80 percent of its current workforce. Since 1981, the number of yards involved in Navy work has increased from nine to 21. But as large as these programs are—the Navy has obligated more than \$50 billion for them over the past five years—they cannot, by themselves, sustain the present maritime industrial base.

Outraged by what she asserted was a violation of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, Bentley made this point on the House floor in July:

"It is bad enough that foreign-flag ships of friendly nations are allowed to carry U.S. mail, but I think it is a national disgrace that the privilege to carry this important cargo is now enjoyed by Soviet-bloc vessels."

The current administration, with an assist from Congress, could restore construction subsidies to encourage the building of 20 merchant ships a year in U.S. yards, as suggested in a recent

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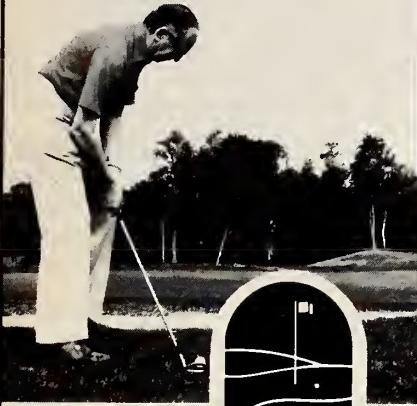


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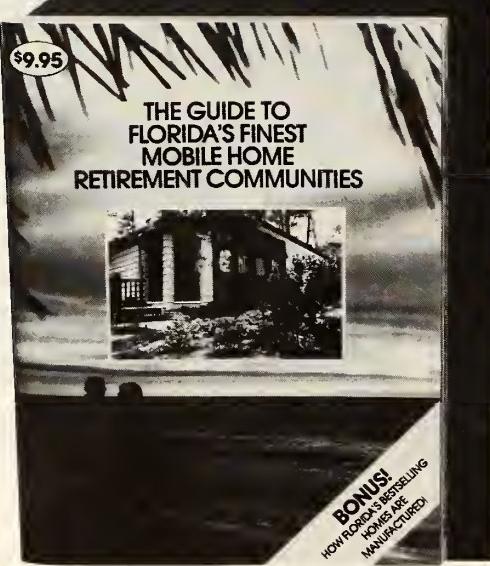
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Congressional Budget Office report. This would be enough, the CBO said, along with projected naval programs, to maintain the current industrial base.

The Navy could provide additional help if it withdrew its objections to the building of foreign warships in American yards.

Commercial shipping and shipbuilding depend upon cargo availability. The administration could aid both by entering into bilateral agreements with its allies to share the carriage between their countries.

U.S.-flag ships would benefit also if the United States would approve the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences, as many West European countries and Japan have done.

Some students of maritime affairs, such as Dr. Harlan K. Ullman of the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies, believe the present industrial base could be preserved at an annual cost of \$2 billion.

The United States needs to develop a comprehensive, coordinated maritime policy at the earliest moment. Critical to this policy is a determination of the minimum number of commercial ships and shipyards needed for the mobilization base.

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beyond the confines of Western Europe and the Soviet Union. The Soviets, with their strategy of using surrogate armies to do most of their fighting, have now come right to the southern border of the United States in an attempt to communize Central America to drive a communist wedge between North and South America.

We must face the fact that Afghanistan is a very important part of this Soviet world strategy. The fact that the Soviets are using their own troops, and have been willing to take heavy losses—more than 20,000 dead to date—indicates they will pay almost any price to crush all resistance in that country. If they succeed, Pakistan or Iran is next. Then India, and so until the entire Asian subcontinent is absorbed. They have the capacity to continue this country-by-country cannibalism as long as the pacifist West permits them to do so.

What must be done to stop the holocaust in Afghanistan?

First, our leaders should, in street parlance, show some guts. Afghanistan must come first, above arms talks, summit meetings with Gorbachev, everything. President Ronald Reagan should request a summit meeting with the leaders of Britain, France, West Germany, Canada and Japan to consider specific joint-free world actions to counter the Soviet genocide in Afghanistan.

Here are some actions they could take:

- Create a new free-world organization to deal specifically with channeling weapons and other aid to nations under communist attack, with particular and immediate emphasis on providing maximum assistance to the resistance fighters in Afghanistan.

- Devise a free-world counter strategy to combat the Soviet strategy of using puppet armies to seize one non-communist country after another. This could be a strategy that hits the world communist network where it is weakest. It could involve sending Napoleon Duarte in El Salvador and the Contras in Nicaragua not just enough aid to fend off the communists, but enough to defeat them in a relatively short time.

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cott of all Soviet products. We have learned that official trade embargoes don't work. There are always nations that will sell to the Soviets. However, if the free-world nations conducted extensive educational programs in their countries telling their people what the Soviets are doing in Afghanistan, they probably could induce their citizens to drastically cut back on their use of vodka, caviar and other products from the Soviet Union. This could deal a serious blow to Soviet trade and weaken the Kremlin's ability to wage war in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Second, the American press should stop being the Soviets' lap dog on Afghanistan. The editors and publishers of our larger newspapers should live up to their responsibilities by giving the Soviet rape of Afghanistan the coverage it deserves.

Third, the White House and Congress should not be content with voting merely \$215 million in military and humanitarian aid for Afghanistan. They should provide these heroic Afghan resistance fighters with whatever they need to continue their fight against the Soviets. And they should make sure the Mujahedeen get all of the weapons and supplies purchased, rather than have a great percentage of them intercepted on the way through Pakistan.

Fourth, our intellectual, business and government leaders should do some serious thinking about more effective ways to counter the Soviet slaughter in Afghanistan, such as commissioning a world white paper to summarize the case against the Soviet genocide in Afghanistan, and make recommendations for combating this scourge. The white paper could then be distributed around the globe, and be broadcast to the people of the Soviet Union because they must be held accountable for the actions of their government.

Last, the private agencies around the world working to help the people of Afghanistan should form a single organization to coordinate their rescue efforts. Then they could greatly step up the private aid going to the resistance fighters and victims of Soviet atrocities.

The greatest terrorism taking place in the world today is occurring in Afghanistan. We, the free people of the United States and the world, cannot sit silently by while the brigades of Mikhail Gorbachev butcher innocent men, women and children at will. To do so when we have the power to help is to share the blame.

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not. The money with which the Brazilian government is subsidizing the Brazilian steel industry, which enables the Brazilian steel industry to sell at dumped prices here, is money that is, in part, borrowed from the United States. The U.S. consumer is producing the money for the bank to lend to the Brazilian government, which relends it at concessionary rates to the Brazilian steel industry, which enables it to sell at a discounted price here. The consumer in this country is paying for this.

We have terribly high interest rates, and one of the reasons is reflected in that chain of reactions that winds up with banks lending money to Brazil.

Q. Is the U.S. market becoming the means for absorbing the whole world's products?

A. Yes! We were able to do that as a country up to the past four or five years.

It is like termites that attack a house; the house looks pretty solid but all of a sudden it collapses. We have been absorbing dumped and subsidized steel for years and years, and it has now caught up with us. You see the same thing in a whole variety of products from around the world—textiles, shoes, cars, et cetera.

Q. To what extent have your problems been exacerbated by the overvalued dollar?

A. Our problems are seriously affected and we have not noticed any relief as a consequence of the past month's decline. Steel is a "fungible" commodity. A stamping plant really doesn't care where the steel comes from, whether it's from the U.S., EEC, Korea or wherever, so long as it meets the chemical, metallurgical and quality specifications.

The nature of the product is that it is in international trade and commerce. If there is an artificial price advantage for the foreign producer, it brings the product into this country in increasing quantities. We have been terribly hurt by that.

Q. Do you see any relief forthcoming?

A. In relief from the dollar, no, in the absence of major policy changes by our government and those of Japan and Europe. In import relief, yes, if we can stick with the foreign penetration commitment by the administration.

Q. So you see steel as a test case for our own government policies?

A. Yes, for steel is the indispensable industry commodity. Everything in this room is made of steel or by a steel instrument, and was brought here by a machine made of steel. The furniture, your clothes, my clothes, the carpet—all of the gadgets in the room—are in that category.

Everybody who wants to have an improved standard of living has to have steel. Consequently, there is a great urge in the world to produce it—and far too much steel capacity in the world today. Essentially the only free market for steel has been the American market. In those circumstances, then, unusual countries have gotten into the steel business. Our problem is not that they shouldn't be seeking to improve the standard of living in their own country, but that when they ship that excess product into this market at subsidized prices, it has been destroying American steel producers, American workers, American communities.

Consequently, what we really have is a collision of economic systems in this country—and it has been a collision that we have been losing. And we're beginning to lose it more than in steel.

Q. Do you think employment in the industry will continue to drop?

A. Yes.

Q. Even if the import quotas stick?

Yes, because of changes in technology and serious cost-reduction efforts. One of our problems is employment costs. If you can reduce your employment, you affect your costs. So it is not reasonable to believe that we will see a surge in the 210,000 persons employed in the steel industry.

Q. Has your ability to influence political action in Washington decreased as your employment has decreased?

A. Yes, with a qualifier. As our base of constituents goes down, we have less political contact with congressmen and senators. On the other hand, there

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comes a point where the problems posed by those remaining have to be factored into the political effect, too. When we had 500,000 to 600,000 people, we didn't have the crisis conditions that exist now. So politically, the one tends to compensate for the other. But at the end of the day the question is votes, and employees in the steel industry are fewer by far and there are fewer votes.

Q. Do you still worry about workers featherbedding or low labor productivity?

You worry about that all the time, **A.** but our problems with operating the plants run now more to the sheer weight of employment costs and the need for motivation of people on the work-floor.

Q. What about steel's future? What would you like to see done to help assure a more secure future for the industry?

The people of the United States **A.** are always going to consume steel. As I mentioned, it is crucial to our standard of living. The question is where will that steel be produced, and who is going to make it. If it is produced and made in this country, the future of the domestic steel industry has to be good because the product is so important to the economy and to the people of this country.

What we have to do is have the government system assure that the rules of trade are abided by. Since there is no way that this government can cause the government of Italy, for example, to stop subsidizing its steel industry, or the government of France or the government of Great Britain to stop subsidizing their steel industries, our government has got to recognize the realities of foreign trade and of subsidized steel. That means that if we enforce, for example, the President's steel import quota program, the domestic industry should have a reasonably good future.

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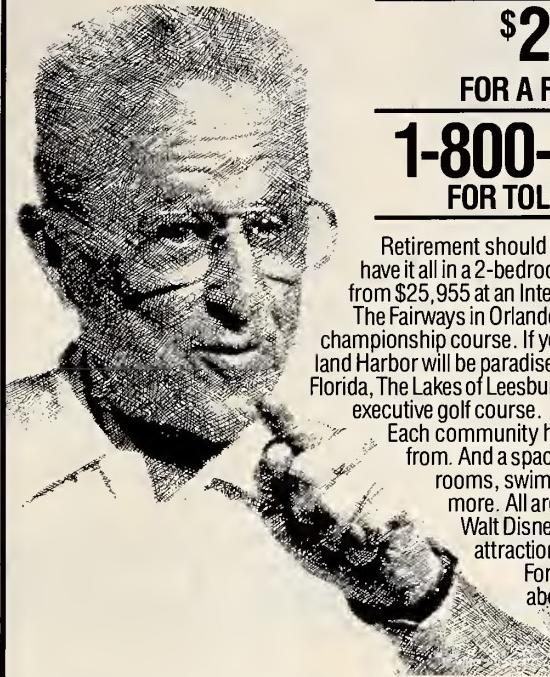
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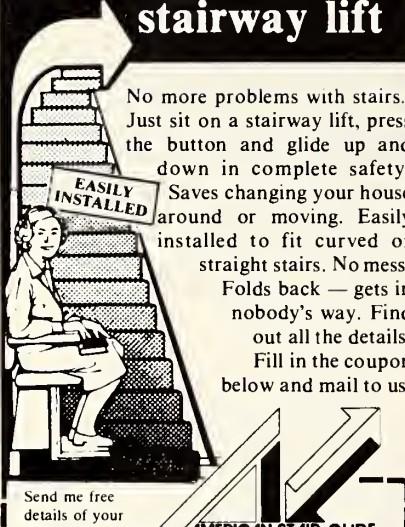
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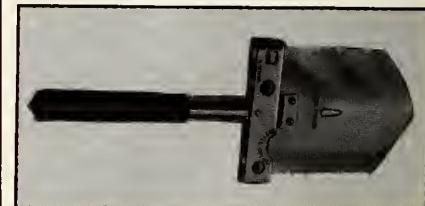
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DEPRESSION: *Serious Illness Or Fleeting Mood?*

For many Americans, 'feeling blue' or 'down in the dumps' is a common affliction that passes quickly. But, for others, depression is a life-threatening problem that requires medical help.

Dr. William D. Brown

BILL* retired three years ago at the mandatory age of 72—a contented worker. His wife always felt he lived to work. Compiling a near-perfect attendance record during his career did not go unnoticed by company officials at his retirement party. A man who never developed interests outside work, he has become more and more irritable in retirement. His weight loss can be attributed to changed eating habits and he has difficulty sleeping. Though tired much of the time, his fatigue can hardly be attributed to exertion.

Next door neighbors, Bob and Jane, in their early thirties, describe themselves as "listless" and "out of sorts" by mid-afternoon nearly every Sunday. Usually their day has been aimless, lacking routine. They dread upcoming Mondays, not because they dislike their jobs, but because they sense their impending loss of freedom for yet another week.

Meanwhile, Dale, age 53, who lives around the corner, has not been to work for four months. He sleeps an average of 19 hours out of 24. He has gained weight, with his schedule largely one of sleeping and eating, with occasional trips

to the grocery store. Otherwise he is housebound. His company has insisted he have a physical examination in order to continue on sick leave. Dale knows he should and tells himself he will—but tomorrow.

What do these three cases share in common? *Depression*. No longer seen as a single illness, today depression is viewed as a range of disorders with symptoms ranging from feeling nothing has meaning, to being inordinately touchy, or prone to self-deprecation. Still, we don't know precisely what sets off depression.

In many cases the mood is accompanied by a chemical abnormality, though, "We don't know if the mind thinking depressed thoughts causes these biochemical changes, or whether the chemical imbalance in the brain is what causes the depression," said Dr. H. Keith H. Brodie of Duke University and former president of the American Psychiatric Association. "This is where a Nobel Prize is going to be won," said Brodie.

There are four basic stages of depression. Each emits warning signs, can be generally defined as to cause and usually responds to specific treatment. The sooner symptoms are recognized and professional help sought, if needed, the greater the likelihood of a complete recovery. The four stages are:

- *Normal sadness or grief.* Disappointments such as Bob and Jane experienced, and other failures, including job

loss, death of a relative, or interpersonal problems with another, may trigger this stage of depression. Feeling down generally lasts from one to five days. Though functioning is not grossly impaired, we do not work at peak efficiency. Sometimes we are slow to rebound with much of our energies siphoned off to relive and worry about the specific cause of depression. Social support from friends and family members is helpful to those undergoing this stage of depression. Sometimes brief psychotherapy is helpful.

- *Excessive moodiness.* Some persons find they are sluggish, irritable and disinterested in work or play, especially during winter months. Usually these depressions lift with the first sunny days of spring. Known as Season Affective Disorders or SAD, they are caused when the brain, via the pineal gland, secretes melatonin, a sleep-inducing hormone depressing mood and mental agility. Rapid mood swings, anxiety, sadness and under- or over-eating characterize this stage of depression. Though it can occur in cycles on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, an individual's functioning is not usually seriously impaired.

Other causes of excessive moodiness may include a poor relationship with parents when growing up, low self-esteem or undue stress at home or on the job. Psychotherapy, rather than drugs, is usually the preferred form of treatment.

- *Low-grade, borderline depression.*

*All names are fictitious and used for illustrative purposes only.

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RECOMMENDED THERAPY—Family activities and exercise rank high on the list of ways to fight depression.

In these cases, a depressed person feels unhappy and sad more than half the time. Treatment has proved most successful where a combination of drugs and psychotherapy are involved. In the forefront of drug therapy are the prescribed tricyclic antidepressants, sold under trade names such as Tofranil and Elavil. These affect chemical reactions in the brain, where emotional responses originate. Generally it takes two weeks before medication is effective in helping to lift depression.

ATHERAPY mode helpful in combating some low-grade, borderline depression is Cognitive Therapy, pioneered in the 1970s by Dr. Aaron Beck and his associates at the University of Pennsylvania. In it patients are taught to change negative thoughts and perceptions of themselves linked to the depressive symptom.

• *Severe, psychotic depression.* The earlier example of Dale belongs to this classification. Symptoms include deep feelings of depression and profound sadness. The condition may last for years, with the individual so severely impaired that work is impossible. The cause may be organic or genetic and is generally independent of life events. As with low-grade, borderline depression, the preferred form of treatment with this stage of depression is a combination

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of drugs and psychotherapy. Recently, there has been an increase in the use of electroshock treatment for suicidal patients suffering from severe depression. In the past, stronger doses of current were used in electroshock treatment. New research shows that considerably lower doses are just as effective when applied to both brain hemispheres.

Coupled with drugs such as Monoamine oxidase inhibitors, marketed as Nardil and Parnate—used for the chronically depressed who overeat and oversleep—is interpersonal psychotherapy. In this therapeutic setting, patients learn to resolve issues believed

to be causing or contributing to their depressions.

Obviously it is the duration of the symptoms of depression which indicates the need for professional help. Because there are so many causes and contributions to depression, an appointment with your physician would be a good first step when depression is suspected.

Doctors also suggest certain lifestyle habits can help avoid depression. Among them are:

- Exercising regularly
- Thinking positive thoughts
- Maintaining social contacts
- Eating a balanced diet
- Participating in a broad variety of hobbies and recreational activities
- Maintaining close family ties

A depressed individual affects the entire family, with these secondary effects often leaving family members bewildered and confused by what is happening. Most important, family members need to remember that they are not to blame for another's depression; that depression is a disease; and that it is treatable.

Above all, this last point affords new hope to the depressed and their loved ones. □

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